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*SFX: WHIFF

WOOSH
HUH!

HEY, YAMATO

AOI, COULD WE TALK JUST A LITTLE LATER?
WHIFF

YEAH...
BOXING IS MORE IMPORTANT TO HIM

YAMATO DOESN'T SEEM TO BE GIVING IT A SECOND THOUGHT.
EVEN THOUGH I CAME ALL THE WAY TO TOKYO
PHEW

WOOSH
BUT HE WAS SO NICE IN GIVING ME THIS MUFFLER YESTERDAY.
WE HAVEN'T DONE ANY SIGHTSEEING AROUND TOKYO YET, AND HE TELLS ME TO W, IT?
AND TODAY IS MY BIRTHDAY AFTER ALL!
FIGHT!
STEAMING
STEAMING
*SFX: DASH SHAKKA SHAKKA
BAWK !?
OH!?
REALLY! YAMATO, YOU IDIOT!

EH?
BAWK!
ALL RIGHT THEN, ME TOO!
*SFX: STRETCH
GRR
I WON'T LOSE!
*SFX: DASH
*SFX. DASH DASH DASH
BAWK !?
ISN'T THAT A LITTLE TOO FAST!?
H.. HEY, WHAT'S WITH THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
HE REALLY IS DULL!!

AHHH WHAT AM I DOING I DID COME HERE TO HANG OUT WITH HIM AFTER ALL
A MINUTE OR A SECOND SIGH IT'S ALL VALUABLE TIME.
BRAAKE
BAWK ...
I'M WORRIED ABOUT IF IS FALLING TOO FAR APART
WHAT DOES YAMATO REALLY THINK ABOUT ME? I WANT TO BE CLEAR ABOUT IT
Y. YOU NUT. YOU EXPECT ME TO RUN THAT FAST?
HUFF HUFF
BAWK !
I'M HOOOME !
SLIDE
YOU SEE..
BAWK ?
HUH? YEAH?
HEY, YAMATO

POP
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AOI-CHAN!
POP
CONGRATULATIONS!!
POP
B-ALL THIS, WHO..?
CLAP CLAP
AH... THANK YOU
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AOI-CHAN! THIS IS FROM ALL OF US
CLAP CLAP
BAWK !?
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
WHA!?
EH ...!?

MAKI GAVE US A CALL WHEN YOU TWO WERE OUT EXERCISING
SHE SAID WE SHOULD ALL GET TOGETHER TO THROW A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR YOU
EH? MAKI DID?
YEAH SHE CALLED US ALL TOGETHER.
JUST FOR YOU, AOI!
WE WOULD HAVE DONE IT ANYTIME
THAT'S WHAT WE SAID ♡
THAT WAS REALLY THOUGHTFUL, I'M SURPRISED
BAWK!
TH... THANK YOU EVERYONE ...
IT WAS REALLY THOUGHTFUL INDEED YOU KNEW SHE WAS LEAVING TONIGHT.
AND YOU WERE OUT EXCERCISING DURING THIS PRECIOUS TIME, I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!
BUT IT'S MY DAILY ROUTINE
BAWK
THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL BEING INCONSIDERATE

BUT IN REALITY, I DO WISH Y. MATO WOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO CALL EVERYONE TOGETHER
DON'T "BUT" ME. YOU JUST DON'T GET IT!
BUT UH...
THANK YOU MAKI-SAN
POP
NO WAY! REALLY!?
MAKI MADE IT.
WHERE DID YOU GET THIS CAKE?
THIS IS REALLY GOOD
IT REALLY WASN'T ALL THAT BIG A DEAL. I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME, SO I ACTUALLY BOUGHT THE SPONGE CAKE
IT'S DELICIOUS

THIS IS REALLY NICE, I NEVER HAD ANY BIRTHDAY PARTIES WHEN I WAS YOUNG.
EH? NO BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT HOME?
NOBODY COULD REMEMBER THEM AT ALL.
SINCE THERE ARE NINE KIDS IN MY FAMILY, THE FOLKS COULDN'T KEEP TRACK OF WHO'S BIRTHDAY IT WAS.
ELDEST-BROTHER
ELDEST-SISTER
SECOND SON
THE REAL-DEAL
FOURTH SON
SECOND DAUGHTER
THIRD DAUGHTER
FOURTH DAUGHTER
FIFTH SON
EHH? 9 SIBLINGS!
THAT'S INCRE-DIBLE!
YEAH... AND WITH MY PARENTS AND LIVING GRANDPARENTS TOGETHER, IT MAKES A 13 PERSON FAMILY.
LARGE 13-PERSONS FAMILY
A very busy family
WE WERE FEATURED ON A TELEVISION PROGRAM ABOUT LARGE FAMILIES
THAT'S INCREDIBLE. I'M JEALOUS.
AOI-CHAN ...
MOVED
HAVING LOTS OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS WOULD BE A WONDERFUL GIFT.

UH... NO JUST THE NORMAL KIND.
YA?
I DON'T THINK SOOO. DIDN'T YOU RENT OUT ALL OF MOUSEY-LAND ONCE?
EH?
T'MA-CHAN, WHAT KIND OF PARTIES DID YOU HAVE AT YOUR PLACE, YA?
LIRK
SINCE YOU'RE THE SON OF SUCH A POWERFUL FAMILY, I BET THEY WERE EXTRAVAGANT, YA?
AND THIS WAS ALL AT YOUR PLACE!?
A SHOW YOU SAY... THAT'S MORE LIKE A MAJOR EVENT!
OH, IT WASN'T ALL THAT EXTRA-VAGANT.
EVERY YEAR, WE'D JUST CALL THE SUPER-RANGERS OR POWER-MAN OVER TO PUT ON A SHOW...
YA...
OW OW. HEY, I'M NOT THE ONE WHO CALLED THEM!
...LITTLE BRAT! YOU HAD TOO MUCH MONEY IF YOU COULD DO ALL THAT!
YEAH YEAH! THE ROASTED CHICKEN I HAD AT HER PLACE WAS INCREDIBLE!
I WANNIT AGAIN!
GAWK...
YOU THINK SO?
MAKI-SAN, YOUR MOTHER IS SUCH A WONDERFUL COOK, EATING AT YOUR PLACE MUST BE A REAL TREAT.

OH, I SEE
BAWK ♡
SUMIRE AND I WENT TOO, RIGHT? ♡
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, AOI-SAN WE WERE THERE FOR KAYA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.
EH? YAMATO, YOU'VE HAD A MEAL OVER AT MAKI-SAN'S PLACE BEFORE?
WHAT IS IT, YURA? YOU'VE BEEN BEAMING FOR A WHILE NOW.
SMILE
SMILE
WHAT IS IT? ARE YOU DREAMING OF A CERTAIN BOY AGAIN?
YOU CAN TELL?
WHAT? I'M NOT BEAMING
HOOO
A GROWN MANNN ♡
IT STILL SEEMS LIKE A DREAM ♡
AFTER A DRIVE, WE WENT TO A NICE RESTAURANT WITH A VIEW ON THE SEA
FOR MY BIRTHDAY LAST YEAR, AMAGI-SENSEI TOOK ME OUT TO CELEBRATE

EH?
WHA I?
SPEAKING OF WHICH, AREN'T YOU TWO GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE CELEBRATION BY YOURSELVES?
THAT MAKES IT SOUND KINDA LOVEY-DOVEY, HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT! IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT!
HE REALLY DIDN'T HAVE TO DENY IT THAT HARD
WHAT, WHAT IS IT?
HMPH
?
TRUTHFULLY, WE REALLY ARE JUST GOOD FRIENDS, AND IT'S MORE FUN WITH EVERYONE TOGETHER ANYWAY
C'MON, DON'T SAY THAT!
TEE HEE
OH REALLY, YUJIRA. AND UNTIL RECENTLY YOU WERE THE ONE ALL WORRIED ABOUT DATING...
WASSAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN
YOU SHOULD WATCH OUT, DANJOU-KUN AOI-SAN'S PRETTY CUTE AND IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, SOMEONE ELSE COULD COME AND STEAL HER HEART
AWE-SOME!
AH. BUT WE DO HAVE A SPOT FOR A POSTER AT 109 SHIBUYA.
WELL, NOT YET.
THAT'S GREAT, YA!
HEY, DON'T YOU HAVE A NEW GIG IN SHABUYA?
BAWK ?
OH YEAH YUJIRA, YOU WERE CHOSEN FOR A NEW COMMERCIAL SPOT, RIGHT?
YEAH, BUT IT'S STILL TO BE CONFIRMED.

THAT'S COOL, YA.
AH... OH YEAH, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT SHIBUYA'S NEW FASHION BUILDING, YA?
YEAH. I WANT TO GO SEE IT.
THEN WHY DON'T WE GO?
. . . .
I'D LIKE TO SEE IT TOO!
IF I AM FREE ON ONE DAY, I'D LIKE TO GO TOO.
IF WE CAN WORK IT OUT, I BET YOU'D LIKE TO GO TOO, HUH AOI?
AH... IT'S OK.
IF I WERE TO WEAR THE LATEST FASHIONS ON NAMI-ISLAND, I'D STAND OUT TOO MUCH.
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT
HEY YAMATO, WHY DON'T WE ALL GO TOO!?
HUH? WHY SHOULD WE GO TOO!?
WE NEVER WEAR ANYTHING COOL WE SHOULD GO AND GET OURSELVES CAUGHT-UP WITH THE LATEST TRENDS
S.. SO, YOU WANNA CHASE THE LADIES, HUH?
BAWK ?

Y.. YOU IDIOT! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!
THEN WE'LL HAVE THE TAMANAMI CONGLO-MERATE RENT THE WHOLE PLACE OUT FOR US!
YEAH!
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WE WANT TO GO!
BAWK ♫
YEAH! YEAH!
URK
WELL, YOU KNOW I..
THE SON OF A POWERFUL FAMILY!
AWESOME, IF YOU RENT OUT THE WHOLE PLACE, I'D DEFINITELY GO WITH YOU
YOU'RE JUST LIKE MIKE, YA'
YAMATO
AH HA HA
OY ...
HEY MAN, WE'RE DEPENDING ON YOU!
... I CAN'T JUST GO AND DO THAT, YOU KNOW!
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING SO MUCH FUN WITH EVERYONE ...
ズキン
*SFX PAIN IN THE HEART

YOUR LAUGH SAYS YOU'RE HAVING SUCH A GOOD TIME...
IT FEELS LIKE I'VE SOMEHOW BEEN LEFT BEHIND.
BUT IT FEELS
IT MAKES ME FEEL LONELY.
YAMATO IS TOTALLY A TOKYO PERSON NOW.
AWWW. IT'S NOTHING.
WHAT IS IT, AOI?
BAWK ?

TAP
AH, YEAH I'VE GOT ABOUT AN HOUR.
AHH I'M STUFFED, I'M STUFFED!
AOI, DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO GET TO THE BOAT?
OH, REALLY?
.....
BAWK
YOU SHOULD ALL COME VISIT NAMI ISLAND AGAIN, TOO
YEAH, OF COURSE
YEAH... ME TOO
THAT'S TOO BAD, I WANTED TO HANG OUT A LITTLE LONGER
YOU'VE GOT TO COME AGAIN.
YAMATO
...
SIGH
IT LOOKS LIKE THINGS WILL ONCE AGAIN STAY THE SAME AS THEY WERE BEFORE. I'M NO CLOSER TO HIM

EH? OUTSIDE?
BAWK BAWK!
WHAT IS IT, SUMIRE-CHAN?
PAT PAT
BAWK BAWK!
EH ...?
IT'S SNOWING!
AHH!

REALLY?
YA?
SNOW?
EH?
TAP
THIS IS...
WHAT IS IT?
AH!

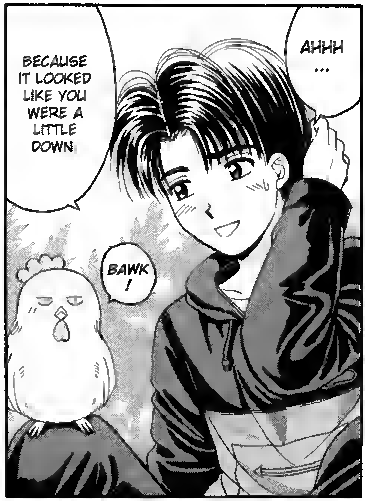
AH!
PATTER PATTER
YAMATO !!
ドーン
*SFX
UWAAH!
*SFX: SLIP
YAMATO, ARE YOU OK!?
AAH. SOME-HOW.
HAWK?
WHAT WERE YOU DOING? AND WHAT'S WITH THIS STYRO-FOAM SNOW?

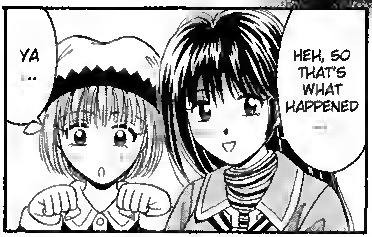
EH?
AHH.
I WANTED AOI TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY SOME SNOW SOMEHOW...
IT WAS FOR ME?
YEAH. OF COURSE I REMEMBER, BUT
DO YOU REMEMBER?
LONG AGO WHEN IT SNOWED ON YOUR BIRTHDAY?
BAWK ?
THAT DAY ...
NOTHING! I CAN'T FIND IT! I'VE LOST MY HOUSE KEY SOMEWHERE!
EH, REALLY !?
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I CAN'T GET INTO THE HOUSE.
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU DROPPED IT?
I DON'T KNOW.
SNIF

わーん
WHAT SHOULD I DOOO !?
*SFX: WAAAAAH
...OI ...
DON'T CRY. YOUR MOM WILL BE COMING BACK SOON.
FLITTER
UH?
.....
IT'S SNOW!
IT'S STARTED TO SNOW!
SNOW!

HEY LOOK, AOI! IT'S SNOWING!
EH?
AHHH!
YEAH!
IT'S PRETTY!
LET'S WATCH THE SNOW TOGETHER UNTIL OUR PARENTS GET HOME!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN SNOW!
ME TOO!

YEAH!!


AHHH ...
BECAUSE IT LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE A LITTLE DOWN
BAWK!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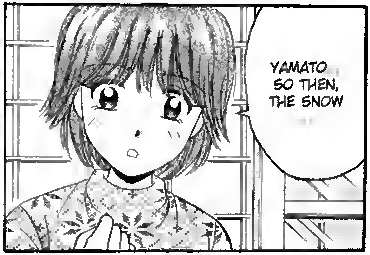
HEH, SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED

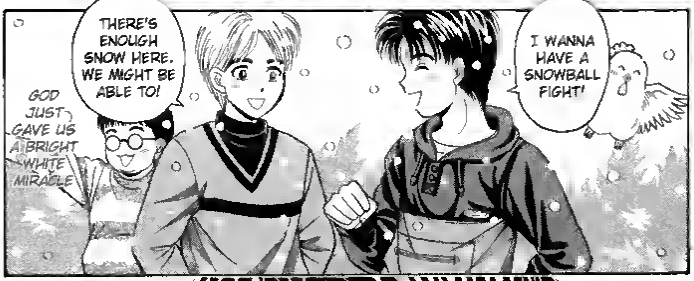

YAMATO SO THEN, THE SNOW

YAMATO ...
SO IT MADE ME WANT TO SEE THAT GREAT BIG SMILE AGAIN!
AND IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY, TOO!
BAWK!
SO HE REALLY WAS THINKING ABOUT ME ...
FLUTTER
AH ..
BAWK P

NO WAYYY!
I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS COLD ENOUGH!
BAWK ♫
THIS IS GREAT, HUH YUIRA!
AWESOME! IT'S THE REAL THING!
WAH! IT'S SNOW!
YA ♫
CLENCH
YAMATO
THIS IS IT, AOI! IT'S JUST LIKE IT WAS ON THAT DAY!
BAWK !
WAA!

YEAH!
THANK YOU.
AWESOME, IT'S REALLY STARTING TO FALL!
SHAA
IT'S EVEN STARTING TO PILE UP!
SHAA

KAAAY ♫
REALLY, THIS IS A MIRACLE, ISN'T IT?
I'M GONNA TAKE A PICTURE NOW.
DON'T MOVE, DON'T MOVE!


THERE'S ENOUGH SNOW HERE. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO!
I WANNA HAVE A SNOWBALL FIGHT!
GOD JUST GAVE US A BRIGHT WHITE MIRACLE

YAMATO ...

BUT ...
YOU MAY BE A LITTLE DULL, AND MAYBE A LITTLE ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES

I LOVE YOU!!

ボォー
*SFX: TOOOOOT
IT'S WARM!
CLENCH
TAP
TAP
*SFX SHUFFLE
SHAA SHAA
YAMATO, THERE'S NOTHING LIKE BEING SURROUNDED BY GOOD FRIENDS.

I WILL NEVER FORGET THIS DAY.
I'VE NEVER HAD SUCH A WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY BEFORE.
THANK YOU FOR SUCH A WONDERFUL MEMORY.
YOU'VE REALLY WARMED MY HEART UP!
I HOPE SO...
WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER, RIGHT?
WILL YOU BE OK SO FAR AWAY, YAMATO?

HOW DO YOU FEEL?
YAMATO, I LOVE YOU!
BEEP
HEY!
SAY YOU LOVE ME.
HE HE
RIIIING
HELLO, DANJOU SPEAKING
BEEP
BAWK ?

HEY MOGAMI, WHAT'S UP?
BAWK ♡
AH HELLO. THIS IS MOGAMI.
OH WELL, I'LL BE SURE TO WATCH OUT FOR THEM.
SAY, I THINK I FORGOT MY GLOVES OVER AT YOUR PLACE.
UH... I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR TODAY.
THANK ME?
EH? WHAT IS IT?
AH, HOLD ON!
BAWK
OK, THANKS

YEAH. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING...
FOR ARRANGING THE BIRTHDAY PARTY AND INVITING EVERYONE OVER.
IT WAS REALLY THOUGHTFUL OF YOU AND I APPRECIATE IT.
BAWK
YOU SHOULD REALLY STOP AND THINK FOR A WHILE, YOU REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND A GIRL'S FEELINGS AT ALL
WHAT WAS WITH THE PRESENT AND THE BIRTHDAY PARTY?
YOU SHOULDN'T JUST BE FOLLOWING EVERYTHING I SAY.
WOOF
MOGA-MIII...
IT'S 'CAUSE I'M RELYING ON YOU.
WELL THAT'S JUST TOO BAD, 'CAUSE I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR IT
BAWK ♡

WHAT? ARE YOU SAYING YOU REALLY WANT TO GO?
WELL, I PROMISED, DIDN'T I?
WHEN ARE YOU GOING?
OH YEAH, ABOUT THAT NEW FASHION BUILDING IN SHIBUYA,
BAWK ?
REAL-LYYY?
YAMATO ...

OPEN SESAME
HAVE YOU DECIDED ON WHICH CLUB YOU WANT TO JOIN?
LET'S ALL JOIN THE SAME ONE!
EVERYONE HAS TO JOIN A CLUB IN THIS SCHOOL, RIGHT?
NEW STUDENTS, HUH... I KNOW THAT FELLING WELL...
THEY'RE NOT YET FAMILIAR WITH THE NEW UNI-FORMS OR ANYTHING, HUH?
IT'S SOO CUTE!
AND HERE WE ARE, ALREADY SECOND YEAR STUDENTS, HUH?

OPEN SESAME
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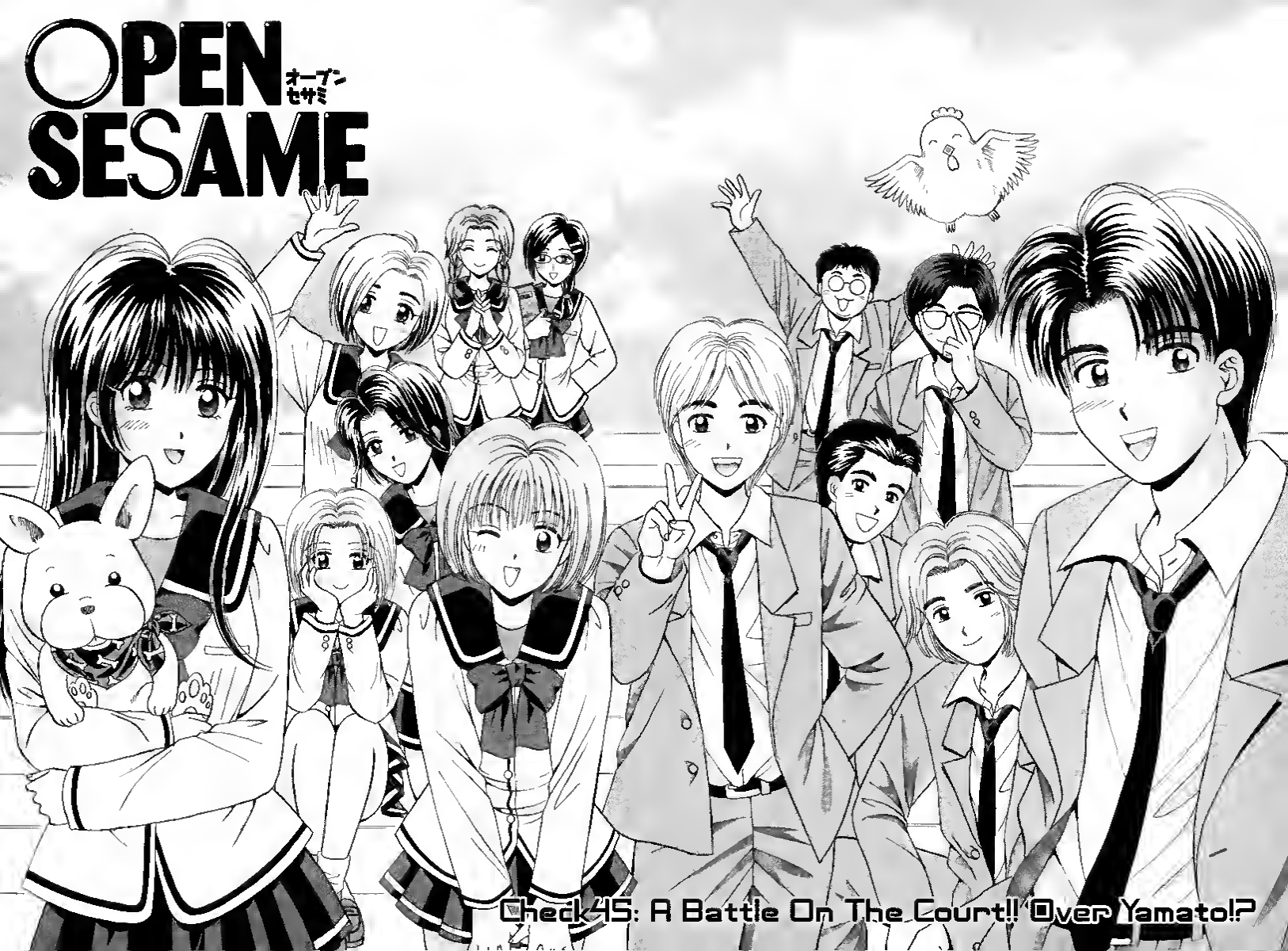

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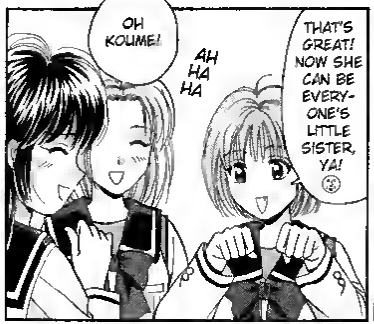
YA ♫
GOOD MORNING MAKI, YUIRA!
GOOD MORNING!


OH KOUME!
AH HA HA
THAT'S GREAT! NOW SHE CAN BE EVERY-ONE'S LITTLE SISTER, YA! ☺

EH? KAYA-CHAN'S HERE TOO?
YA?
OH YEAH, MY LITTLE SISTER IS ENTERING THIS SCHOOL TOO, SO BE NICE TO HER.

WE ALL GET TO HANG OUT THIS YEAR TOO, YA! ♡
YEAH, LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR JUST AS GOOD AS THE LAST ONE!
DANJOU AND THE BOYS ARE IN THE SAME CLASS AGAIN TOO.

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME CLASS AGAIN! THAT'S WONDERFUL!

AFTER SCHOOL
REALLY? SHOULD WE GO CHECK IT OUT?
DID YOU HEAR? THE BOXING CLUB IS PUTTING ON AN INTERESTING SHOW TO RECRUIT MORE MEMBERS!
YEAH!
STEP
LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!
OH, IS THAT BOY PLANNING ON STARTING YET ANOTHER RUCKUS?
THE BOXING CLUB. HUH?
CHEER
CHEER
CHEER
HUP!
DODGE
*SFX: WOOSH

HAH!
HAH!
HUP!
DODGE
*SFX: WOOSH
JIGGLE
SHUFFLE
OK, HERE I COME!
EEEP!
TAP
OK, THAT'S 30 SECONDS. TIME'S UP!
*SFX: JAB

I'M SHOCKED!
HOW WAS IT?
ALREADY 30 SECONDS? THAT WENT BY QUICKLY!
WASN'T IT?
THAT WAS REALLY FUN!
CHEER CHEER
BUT THESE PEOPLE AREN'T ALL GATHERED HERE HOPING TO ACTUALLY JOIN, ARE THEY?
CHEER
IT'S SUPPOSED TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE CLUB. IT WAS YAMATO'S IDEA!
AH MOGAMI-SAN!
IT'S OUR BOXING-CLUB'S INVITATIONAL OPEN-SPAR!
CHEER
WHAT'S GOING ON, WHY IN THE WORLD IS HE SPARRING AGAINST GIRLS?
WHAP
WHAP
HEY MOGAMI! IT LOOKS LIKE THE CLUB IS GONNA GET A LOT OF NEW RECRUITS THIS YEAR!!
WELL, THEN I THINK I'LL HAVE TO JOIN TOO!
GIGGLE
I THINK I WANNA JOIN THAT SPARRING SESSION REALLY GOT ME FIRED UP!
EXCUSE ME.
ANNND THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN, YA!
WHAT, DON'T YOU LIKE MY GREAT IDEA?
BY SPARRING WITH GIRLS, HUH? ALL YOU'RE REALLY DOING IS JUST SHOWING YOURSELF OFF!
YOU DWEEB!
THOSE TWO ARE REALLY SOMETHING!

COULD I PARTICIPATE IN A SPARRING MATCH TOO?
AH...
AAAH! OF COURSE!
I THINK SHE MADE IT IN ALREADY!
DO YOU THINK SHE'S HERE TO TRY OUT FOR THE CLUB?
CUUUTE. I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T MIND TAKING HER UNDER MY CARE ♡
GO AHEAD AND COME AT ME AS HARD AS YOU LIKE!
READY, AND FIGHT!
OK, I'M READY!

NOT BAD, NOT BAD!
DODGE
YAH!
HUP!
YAH!
*SFX: DUCK
*SFX: WOOSH
EH?
AH!
DON'T WASTE TOO MUCH TIME, GIVE IT A LITTLE MORE!
HMMM
GOTCHA!
ERGH!
*SFX: WHAP

OH GEEZ. HE'S ACTING LIKE A MOON-STRUCK CALF!
A WIN IS A WIN!
HEY NOW, THAT WAS PRETTY SNEAKY!
I'M REALLY SORRY, BUT I'VE ALREADY DECIDED THAT I'LL BE JOINING THE TENNIS CLUB.
WHADDAYA THINK? CARE TO JOIN THE CLUB?
THAT'S PRETTY GOOD FOOTWORK. ARE YOU A FIRST YEAR HERE?
HI I'M AOBA YOSHIDA, NICE TO MEETCHA!
SOME OTHER GIRLS HAVE ALREADY JOINED, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY
. . . .
TOO BAD!
OH... REALLY?

*SFX THOK
*SFX THOK
*SFX THWACK
LOOKS LIKE SHE REALLY DID JOIN THE TENNIS CLUB
AH... THAT'S THE GIRL THAT CAME TO THE SPARRING MATCH YESTERDAY
ISN'T THAT AYA FUMITSUKI?
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE TESTING HER SKILLS, IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S THE BEST OF THE NEWCOMERS BY FAR
REALLY?
IN THE STATE MIDDLE-SCHOOL TOURNAMENT SHE WAS RANKED IN THE TOP EIGHT
THAT'S AWE-SOME!
*SFX: WHAM

GOOD JOB, EVERYONE!
WELL, THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR TODAY.
IT'S MOGAMI-SENPAI!
WOOSH
NOT REALLY, JUST SINCE MIDDLE-SCHOOL.
FUMITSUKI-SAN, YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD. HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING FOR LONG?
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE ME SOME POINTERS... I'M RANKED "D" RIGHT NOW...
AH!
I WISH I WERE JUST LIKE HER! ♡
...
AND SHE'S GOOD AT TENNIS TOO. SOO COOL! ♡
SHE'S SO PRETTY!

GLARE
YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT TENNIS, FUMITSUKI-SAN.
WE GAVE IT OUR BEST!
YOU ALL DID GREAT TODAY!
YOU AND I FACED EACH OTHER BACK IN THE STATE MIDDLE-SCHOOL TOURNAMENT.
OF COURSE, I LOST.
WHA... WHAT IS IT?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?
HUH?
OH... I SEE...
YEAH. I REGRETTED LOSING TO YOU, SO I PRACTICED REALLY HARD FOR 3 YEARS TO MAKE IT INTO THE TOP EIGHT.
YOU REALLY DID WELL.
OH OH YEAH, WE DID.

AH
WELL, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...
BOW
WHAT'S WITH HER? YOU THINK THAT GIRL SEES YOU AS A RIVAL OR SOMETHING?
YEAH ..
AH .. AYA, WAIT A SEC!
TAP TAP
LIBRARY
SINCE EVERYONE'S IN THE SAME CLASS AGAIN, WE SHOULD GET ALONG AS BEST WE CAN
WHAT ARE YOU OF ALL PEOPLE RESEARCHING IN THE LIBRARY?
WELL, THAT CERTAINLY WASN'T MY CHOICE. JUST THE WAY THE CARDS FELL, HUH?
WELL, IT WASN'T MY CHOICE, THE TEACHER TOLD ME TO COME HERE.

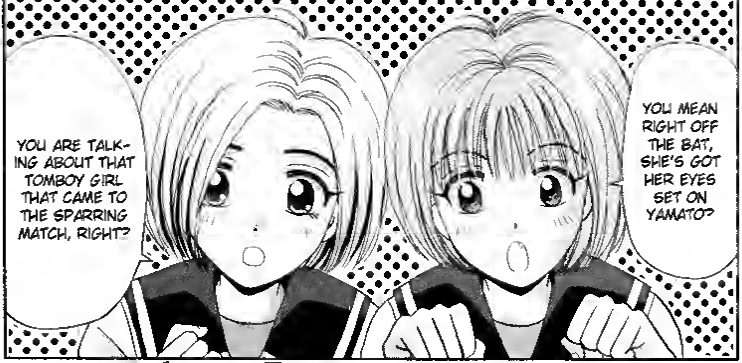
HURRY UP AND
Huh?
HEY HEY NOW, WE'RE IN A LIBRARY, KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN!
AND AGAIN YOU SPEAK ILL WORDS OF ME...
OH, IT'S HER...
HUH?
GLANCE
アイルランドとケルト神話
SHUFFLE
YOU'RE HERE STUDYING TOO, FUMITSUKI-SAN?
AH...
THUMP

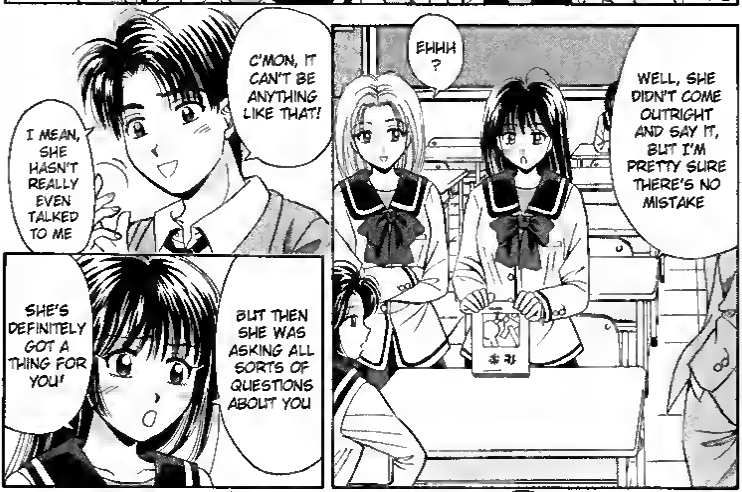
OH, HER. SHE WAS AT THE SPARRING SHOW, RIGHT?
YEAH... BUT IT LOOKS LIKE TO ME SHE'S PURPOSELY TRYING TO AVOID YOU.
PROBABLY BECAUSE MY IMPOSING UPPER-CLASSMAN AURA WAS TOO MUCH FOR HER TO HANDLE. HUH?
SIGH
OH, THAT'S CERTAINLY NOT IT, 'CAUSE YOU DON'T ACT VERY UPPER-CLASS!
HEY, I'M ONE OF THE NICEST GUYS AROUND!
I EVEN LET HER WIN THE MATCH WHEN WE FIRST MET!
WHAT THE...
SHHH!
SHHH!
GEEZ, I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN IN HERE!
YOU'RE THE ONE RAISING YOUR VOICE!
MOGAMI-SENPAI!

AH, FUMISTUKI-SAN.
EH?
WHAT A COINCI-DENCE.
DO YOU HAVE A SECOND?
MOGAMI-SENPAI YOU SEEM TO HANG OUT WITH DANJOU-SAN QUITE A BIT, HUH?
I IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT!
YOU'RE MISUNDER-STANDING!
WELL, WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE?
EH? WHAT KIND OF PERSON
WELL, HE'S NOISY, BOISTEROUS, AND ALWAYS MAKING SOME KIND OF COMMOTION.
HE REALLY DOES SEEM TO STAND OUT, HUH. SO HE'S PRETTY POPULAR THEN, RIGHT?

HE'S A REALLY STRONG BOXER, RIGHT? I HEARD HE WON A BIG TOURNAMENT LAST YEAR.
THAT'S TRUE... BUT ONLY BOXING..
WELL, I GUESS IT REALLY IS JUST A MATTER OF TASTE..
YA!
HMMM ...
IF HE'S SO GOOD, HE'S GOT TO BE POPULAR, RIGHT?
WHY DO YOU ASK ANYWAY?
SO WHAT IS YOUR ACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, THEN?
THERE REALLY IS NO SUCH RELATIONSHIP.... WE'RE JUST CLASSMATES, THAT'S ALL ..
I SEE ...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
TURN
AH ...

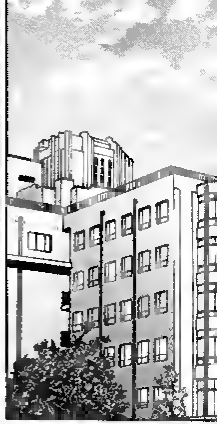
IT COULD BE THAT SHE'S INTERESTED IN DANJOU-KUN...
...!!
OH YEAH...
THAT'S WHY SHE MISUNDERSTOOD THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DANJOU AND ME, AND WHY SHE SEEMED SO ANNOYED!
WHEN SHE CAME TO THE SPARRING MATCH, AND WHEN SHE WAS WATCHING DANJOU IN THE LIBRARY!
2-A
EHHH!
REALLY!?
WHY IS IT, FROM ONE PERSON TO THE NEXT, ALWAYS ABOUT HIM!?
GEEEZ
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT IT ALL MAKES SENSE...
BUT


YOU MEAN RIGHT OFF THE BAT, SHE'S GOT HER EYES SET ON YAMATO?
YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THAT TOMBOY GIRL THAT CAME TO THE SPARRING MATCH, RIGHT?


EHHH?
WELL, SHE DIDN'T COME OUTRIGHT AND SAY IT, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE THERE'S NO MISTAKE
C'MON, IT CAN'T BE ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
I MEAN, SHE HASN'T REALLY EVEN TALKED TO ME
BUT THEN SHE WAS ASKING ALL SORTS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU
SHE'S DEFINITELY GOT A THING FOR YOU!

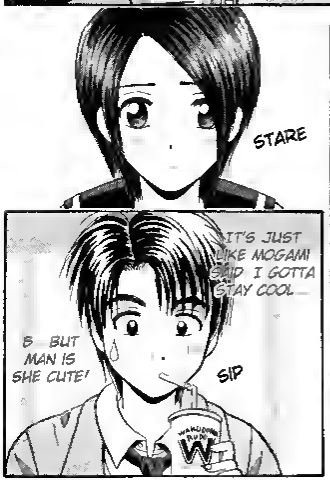
YOU PROBABLY MISUNDERSTOOD
I'M SURE I DIDN'T!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS AND IT'S BECOMING QUITE A NUISANCE!
AH, NO GOOD! I'VE GOTTA GO!
AH ...
HE'S FLYING THE COOP YA!

AHEM ...
HUH?



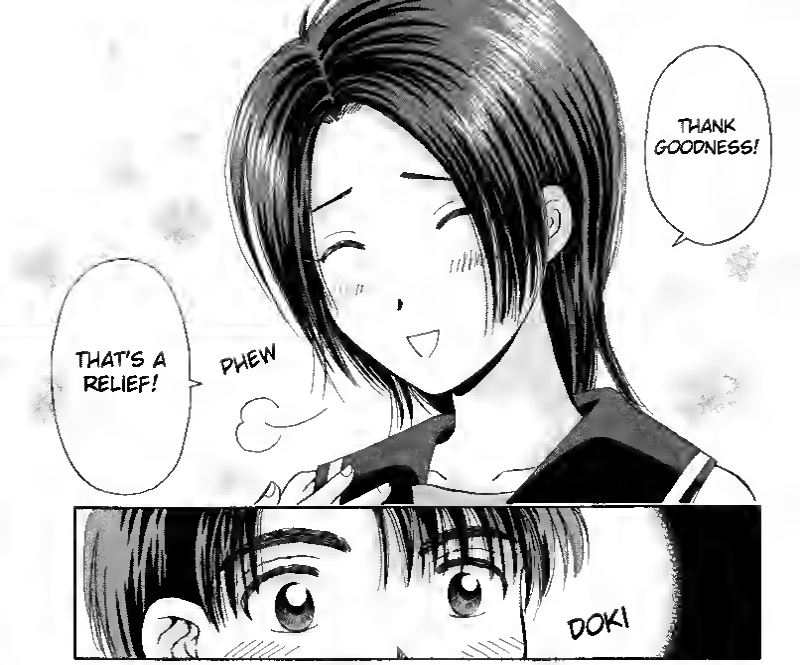
EH!?
DOK!

THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.


STARE
IT'S JUST LIKE MOGAMI SAID I GOTTA STAY COOL...
B-BUT MAN IS SHE CUTE!
SIP

SO, WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE CLASS?
SPHHT
WH.. WHY'S THAT?
THERE'S A LOT MORE I'D LIKE TO KNOW.
LIKE, WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SONG? WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE ACTOR?
WHAT'S YOUR PERSONAL MOTTO?
YOUR FAVORITE COLOR? YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?
HOW LONG DO YOU HOPE TO KEEP ON BOXING?
UHHH ...
W. WAIT JUST A SECOND THERE'S NO WAY I CAN HOPE TO ANSWER ALL THAT AT ONCE..
...
...WELL THEN, I'LL JUST ASK THE ONE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION I HAVE..
EH?

EH?
DOKI
WHAT DO YOU REALLY THINK OF MOGAMI-SENPAI?
WHAM
DO YOU LOVE HER?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MISUNDERSTANDS, AND IT'S BECOMING QUITE A NUISANCE!
Y.. YEAH, IT'S TRUE ...
COULD IT BE, THIS GIRL, JUST LIKE MOGAMI SAID, IS INTERESTED IN ME...?
N.. NOT REALLY
WE'RE JUST CLASSMATES
IS THAT TRUE?
STARE



I REALLY DO LIKE YOU.

SIGH
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
YOU KNOW THAT FIRST-YEAR GAL? SEEMS THINGS TURNED OUT JUST LIKE YOU SAID.
WHAT IS IT? WHY'D YOU CALL ME OUT HERE?
SEE, YOU SHOULD'VE BELIEVED ME.
YOU'VE GOTTA LEARN TO LISTEN BETTER!
OW SOME-THING BLEW IN MY EYE ...
WHAT IS IT?
ヒュウ
OWW!
HOW SHOULD I KNOW. SHE SEEMS TO HAVE HER MIND SET.
SO THEN WHAT SHOULD I DO?
MOGA-MIIII!

*SFX: WOOSH

EH?
ARE YOU OKAY !?
TURN
D.. YOU DOPE, WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
WAH !?
DOK!
*SFX: SHOVE
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T SUDDENLY
WHAT INDEED, I WAS JUST TRYING TO BE NICE!
*SFX: HMPH!
!?

AND YOU SAID NOTHING WAS GOING ON!
H HOLD ON! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, REALLY
SHIVER
LIAR !!
MY FAULT !?
NOW SHE'S TOTALLY GOT THE WRONG IDEA. WHAT SHOULD WE DO? THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
FUMIT-SUKI-SAN!
STOMP

GOOD JOB, EVERYONE!
STEP STEP
WHEW
FUMITSUKI-SAN?
DOKI
MOGAMI-SENPAI!
Y.. YOU KNOW, THAT TRULY WAS JUST A MISUNDERSTANDING BACK THEN

IF YOU'D PLEASE, I'D LIKE TO PLAY A TENNIS MATCH RIGHT NOW!
EH!?
WH... WHY?
PLEASE, IF YOU DON'T MIND!
O.. OKAY THEN...

EH?
AND IF I WIN, WOULD YOU PLEASE GRANT MY ONE WISH?
WHAT'S GOIN' ON ISE?
SLIDE
THIS IS BAD!
OH MAN, THIS IS BAD!
2-A
WHAAAT!?
IT LOOKS LIKE MOGAMI AND THAT FIRST-YEAR FUMITSUKI GIRL ARE ABOUT TO FACE OFF IN A TENNIS MATCH OVER YOU!

MOGAMI!
LACE
YOU'RE FACING OFF...
DANJOU-KUN!
OI, SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE GOING COLD ON ME HERE!
WIN IT! PLEASE WIN IT!
GLANCE
W.. WELL, I WAS KINDA FORCED INTO IT...
SIGH

OF COURSE I ALWAYS PLAY TO WIN!
BUT KEEP IT IN MIND THAT I'M NOT DOING IT FOR YOU!
HEY, I UNDER-STAND. PLEASE ANYWAY!
MAKI'S HAVING A MATCH?
WITH THAT STRONG FIRST-YEAR GAL?
CHEER CHEER
DON'T PUSH IT!
WAH, THAT'S QUITE A CROWD, YA!
FIIIGHT !
GOOD LUCK MAKI!
SO EARLY INTO THE NEW YEAR, AND ALREADY THEY'RE FIGHTING OVER YAMATO!
OOOUUH
MUST BE NICE! DAGGUM IT!
CHEER CHEER
SERVICE FUMIT-SUKI!
TWEEET
HERE I GO, SENPAI!

HA!
*SFX. WHAP
AH!
*SFX. BOUNCE
*SFX. TOSS
WHISPER
IMPOS-SIBLE, MOGAMI GOT ACED ON THE SERVE!
FIFTEEN-LOVE!
WHISPER
OI ...
MOGAMI FOCUS!
I KNOW ALREADY!
I DIDN'T KNOW SHE HAD THAT KIND OF SPIRIT!

スパーン
スパーン
*SFX: WHACK
*SFX: THOCK
THE SECOND SET 7-5 MOGAMI!
THOCK
THOCK
THE FIRST SET 6-4 FUMITSUKI!
DEUCE!
WHISPER
WHISPER
FIFTEEN-ALL!
THIRTY-FOURTY!

MOGA MIIII!
PLEEEA-SE!
IT'S DOWN TO THE MATCH-POINT FOR FUMITSUKI!
YA !?
ピシッ
*SFX. BOUNCE
COULD IT ALL BE FOR DANJOU-KUN...!?
ヒュッ
*SFX: SMASH
WHAT'S WITH THIS GIRL'S SPIRIT... SHE'S PUTTING MORE ENERGY INTO EVERY VOLLEY!
AH!
BOUNCE

I.. I WON! I BEAT MOGAMI-SENPAI!!
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
THE MATCH GOES TO FUMITSUKI!
MAKI LOST ...
SHE LOST, YA!
SENPAI, LOOKS LIKE I WON
NOW YOU'VE GOT TO HEAR OUT MY WISH!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, MOGAMI!!!!
...
MY FATE
.....
MOGAMI-SENPAI
Y... YEAH
DOKI

PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!!
EH!?
EVER SINCE I FIRST SAW YOU IN MIDDLE SCHOOL,
I SIMPLY FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?
WH.. WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

WELL, NO.
SINCE I THOUGHT THE TWO OF YOU WERE GOING OUT, I WAS JUST TRYING TO GATHER INFO THROUGH HIM.
N.. NOW WAIT JUST A MINUTE ...
THEN YOU'RE NOT IN LOVE WITH DANJOU-KUN?
W.. WE'RE NOT GOING OUT. THAT WAS ALL A MISUNDER-STANDING!
PHEW
THAT'S GREAT! THEN THERE'S NOTHING STANDING BETWEEN US, HUH?
EH? WELL, THAT'S NOT REALLY THE ISSUE HERE ...
...
EHHHHH !?
NOW HOLD ON HERE ...
HYUUUU
WOULD IT BE OKAY IF I CALLED YOU "BIG-SIS"?
AND PLEASE JUST CALL ME "AYA"! ♡

THE NEXT DAY.
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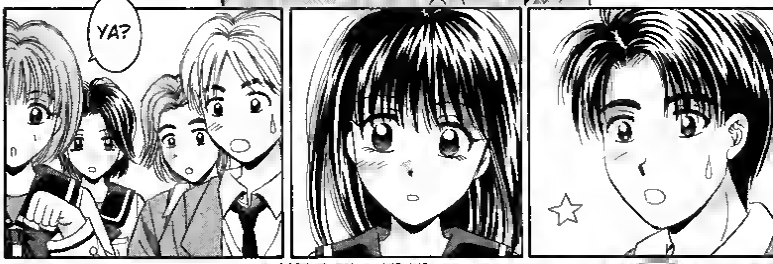
*SFX. DASH DASH DASH
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT'S WITH THE PANIC?
THIS ISN'T A TIME TO BE ACTING SO COOL. HELP ME OUT HERE!
AH!
THERE YOU ARE BIG-SIS. FOUND YA!
WAIT-UP, BIG-SIS! ♡
EYAAAH!
I GUESS SHE'S GOT HER OWN WORRIES HEH HEH
DIDN'T GET HIS TURN THIS TIME.
BAWK...
KICK

Check 46:
The Heart Grew Wings And...
OPEN SESAME
オープンセサミ

I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU ALL TO THE NEW STUDENT TEACHERS.
AND NOW FOR SOME INTRODUCTIONS.
SEEING AS THEY'VE ALL BEEN HERE BEFORE, IT SHOULD BE GREAT FUN LEARNING UNDER THEIR INSTRUCTION.
ALL OF THEM ARE PROUD GRADUATES OF THIS VERY SCHOOL.
WELL, IF THAT'S SO, I SURE WOULDN'T MIND HAVING HER.
I GUESS WE'LL ALSO BE GETTING A STUDENT-TEACHER TOO, HUH?
THAT GAL IN THE BLUE CHECKERED BLOUSE, I IMAGINE?
WHICH ONE? WHICH ONE?
I AM PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD CLASS 1-A ..

SHE'S THE ONE, AND WOW IS SHE HOT!
SHE LOOKS SO NICE TOO!
OOOH!
IF SHE TURNS OUT TO BE OUR TEACHER, I'LL STUDY MY BRAINS OUT!
SHE RADIATES SUCH A PURE AURA!
TURN
NEXT, IN CHARGE OF CLASS 2-A IS OUR JAPANESE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR, MISAKI-SENSEI.
INHALE
ALL RIGHT!
O_O! SHE REALLY IS OUR TEACHER!

WHASSUP !?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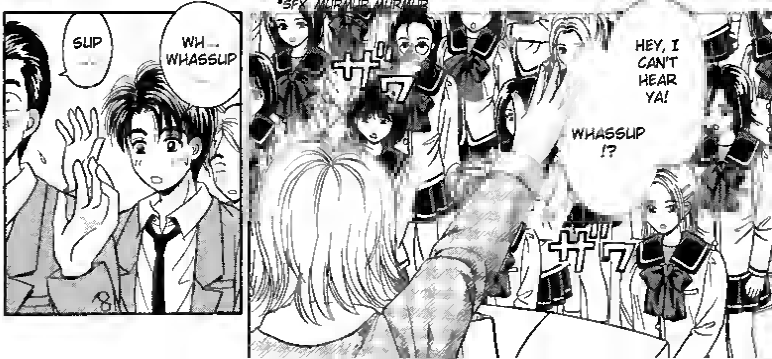

*SFX. MUR-MUR. MUR-MUR
SUP
WH... WHASSUP
HEY, I CAN'T HEAR YA!
WHASSUP !?

AHEM
. . . .
EH?
MISAKI-SAN, NOTHING FUNNY, NOTHING FUNNY!
"DREAM COULD"
"NOWWW"
"IF ONLY MY"
"I WANT WINGS"
MURMUR
"BE FULFILLED"
EH ...

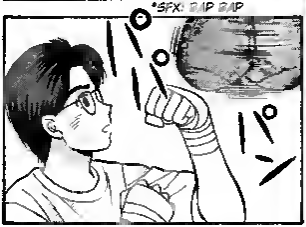
"I'D SPREAD THEM IN THE BIG, BLUE SKY"
"OH, HOW I'D SO LOVE TO FLY"
"THERE IS NO SADNESS, JUST FREEDOM SO HIGH"
"IT GIVES MY HEART WINGS"
A 'PROPER INTRODUCTION' IS WHAT I WAS HOPING FOR. THIS ISN'T A KARAOKE BAR AFTER ALL!
AH... MY APOLOGIES...
AH...
GRAB
NOW NOW JUST A MINUTE, MISAKI-SAN!

WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS IN THE WORDS OF THAT SONG.
I WANT US TO ALL ENJOY OUR FREEDOM WITHOUT ANY RESTRAINTS!
AS IF WE ALL HAD WINGS!
UMM... LESSEE... WELL, TO SUM IT UP...
LET'S WORK TOGETHER AND GIVE IT OUR ALL!
CLAP CLAP
SHE CERTAINLY IS INTERESTING, ISN'T SHE?
YEAH.
CLAP CLAP
I CAN'T WAIT TO TALK TO HER, YA!
2-A
SO, DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? ANYTHING AT ALL, DON'T HESITATE TO ASK, OK?
I GOT ONE, WHAT WERE YOU LIKE BACK WHEN YOU WERE A STUDENT?
AH YEAH I WANT TO KNOW TOO!
EH? WELL, I KINDA MEANT QUESTIONS ABOUT CLASS SHEESH...

EHHH! YOU WEREN'T?
WELL... LESSEE...
I WASN'T REALLY A VERY GOOD STUDENT
MIS KI-S IN, NEED I REMIND YOU THIS IS A CLASS PERIOD, NOT A GOOD TIME TO BE BOASTING OF YOUR REBELLIOUSNESS?
AHEM
EH?
I WAS CONSTANTLY VIOLATING SCHOOL RULES, AND THEY EVEN CALLED MY PARENTS A FEW TIMES...
MY APOLOGIES, I DIDN'T MEAN TO BE BOASTING
YOU SEE...
AT THAT TIME, I HAD COMPLETELY LOST TRACK OF MY PURPOSE IN LIFE, UNTIL MY HOMEROOM TEACHER BACK THEN SET ME BACK ON COURSE
EHH...
HE REALLY WAS WORRIED ABOUT ME AND EVEN PAID ME VISITS
HE BECAME ANGRY FOR ME, HE CRIED FOR ME,
AND SLOWLY, HE MANAGED TO GET THROUGH TO ME AND SOFTEN MY HEART FROM STONE INTO WATER.

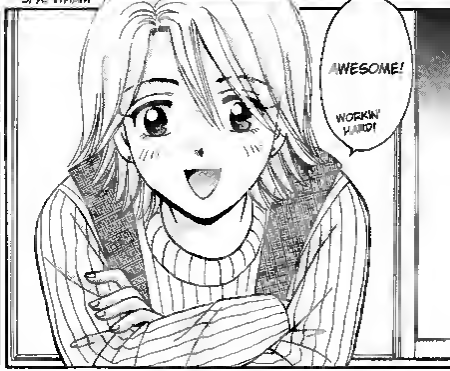
I'D BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I LAST SMILED
I'D COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN... I LAUGHED UNTIL MY HEART WAS HEALED
AND AT THAT TIME I COULDN'T HELP BUT LAUGH
I DON'T KNOW JUST WHEN IT WAS WHEN HIS LECTURES BECAME FUN, BUT THAT'S WHEN I REALIZED IT
AND EVER SINCE THEN, I WAS DETERMINED THAT I TOO WOULD BECOME A TEACHER
AND I TOO, WANT TO BE A BEACON FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR WAY.
SHE'S GOT A LOT OF AMBITION. SHE'LL BE A GREAT TEACHER.
THIS IS GOING TO BE A FANTASTIC TWO WEEKS.
HMPF
A PRETTY BIG AMBITION, DON'CHA THINK?
GO FOR IT SENSEI!

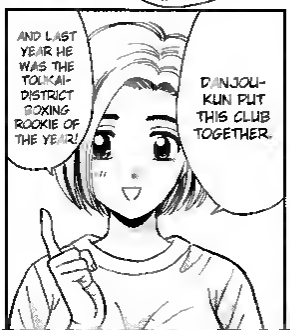
*SFX: PAP PAP


*SFX: WHAPPA WHAPPA WHAPPA

*SFX: WHAM

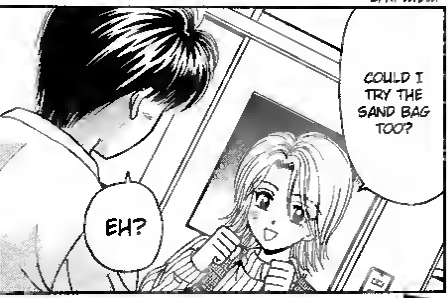
AH, MISAKI-SENSEI!
I WAS JUST WANDERING BY, AND NOTICED THE BOXING CLUB YOU'VE GOT GOING HERE.
WHEN WAS THAT STARTED?


AWESOME!
WORKIN' HARD!


AND LAST YEAR HE WAS THE TOKAI-DISTRICT BOXING ROOKIE OF THE YEAR!
DAN JOU-KUN PUT THIS CLUB TOGETHER.

THE OPEN-SPAR WAS SO MUCH FUN, I COULDN'T HELP BUT JOIN!
AND IT'S GOOD FOR MY DIET.
I DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS THIS TYPE OF SERIOUS CLUB.
AND THAT THERE WERE GIRL MEMBERS TOO!

*SFX: WHAM



*SFX: WHAM

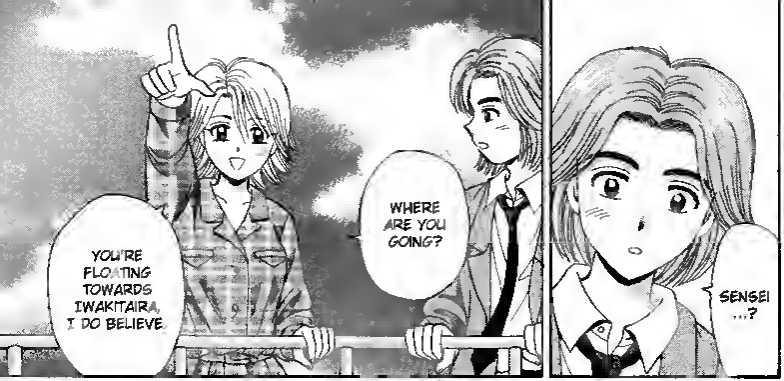
THIS IS A GREAT STRESS-RELIEVER, HUH?
I COULD REALLY GET INTO THIS!
ISE-KUN? IS HE TAKING THE DAY OFF?
YEAH, I FEEL SORRY FOR THAT GUY!
IT'S GREAT THAT YOU STOPPED BY IT'S TOO BAD THAT ISE COULDN'T SHOW UP AS WELL!
AFTER TWO YEARS IN THE CLUB, HE SUDDENLY STARTED GOING TO CRAM SCHOOL HE HASN'T BEEN HERE SINCE
I SEE.
WELL, IT'S ACTUALLY A CRAM-SCHOOL DAY FOR HIM. HE'S BEEN REALLY BUSY LATELY.
I SEE, THAT'S TOO BAD, HUH?

HEY DANJOU-KUN!
NUDGE NUDGE
NOD NOD
DANJOU-KUN!
YOU WITH US NOW?
MISAKI-SENSEI !?
ポカッ!
ERGH !?
*SFX: THUNK
WHA WHAT THE!?
*SFX: SCOOTCH
DING DING!
♫
HEY, IS THAT ONE OF THE CLUB'S GLOVES ..?
HEY NOW COULD I GET THAT BACK, PLEASE?
THE CLUB BUDGET CAN'T AFFORD LOSING ONE
OH SURE, BUT YOU KNOW, WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU TO A CATNAP EITHER!
AND YAMATO LOSES BY K.O, YA!
あはは
*SFX: A HA HA HA HA HA

WELL, I GUESS I'VE GOT ONE WEEK LEFT. I'LL DEFINITELY HAVE TO GIVE IT MY ALL.
AND THERE'S ANOTHER DAY SAFELY UNDER THE BELT.
BOY, THOSE KIDS ARE A LOT OF FUN!
HUH? ISN'T THAT...
HMM?
SO, WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND THAT'S MAKING YOU SIGH?
SIGH
EH ...
ISE-KUN ...!?

AHH, IT'S NOTHING ....
MISAKI-SENSEI!?
I HEARD YOU WERE TAKING A BREAK FROM THE CLUB?
DANJOU AND THE OTHERS ARE GETTING LONELY WITHOUT YOU.
...I'D LIKE TO DO SOME CLUB ACTIVITIES, BUT... MY PARENTS HAVE BEEN MAKING ME GO TO CRAM SCHOOL FOR TWO YEARS NOW.
I UNDERSTAND HOW MY PARENTS FEEL ABOUT MY STUDIES AND ALL, BUT I STILL WANT TO ATTEND THE CLUB.
SO THERE HAS BEEN A LITTLE TENSION BETWEEN MY PARENTS AND ME.
I'M JUST NOT SURE WHAT TO DO...
.....
ALRIGHT! HERE, COME WITH ME!!
EH?

WOW!
WHAT AN INCRED-IBLE VIEW!
WHADDAY THINK? IT'S THE ROOFTOP OF MY APARTMENT BUILDING.
.....
SIGH
YOU CAN SEE MT FUJI FROM HERE TOO, HUH?
HEY, THERE ARE CLOUDS!
!?
YOU FLOAT ON THE BREEZE WITH A LIFE OF SUCH EASE!



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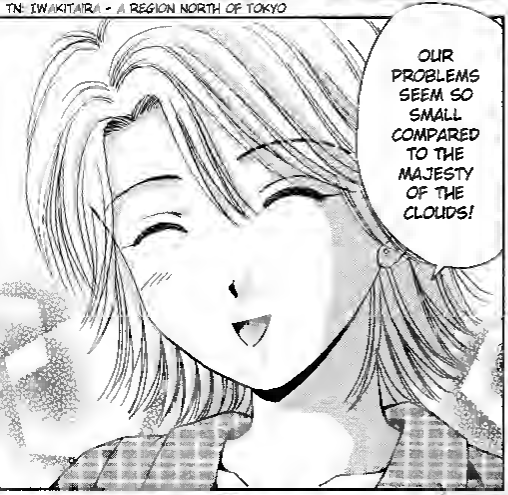

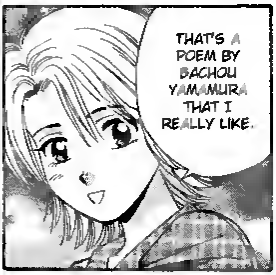

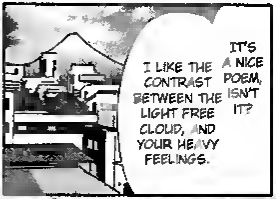

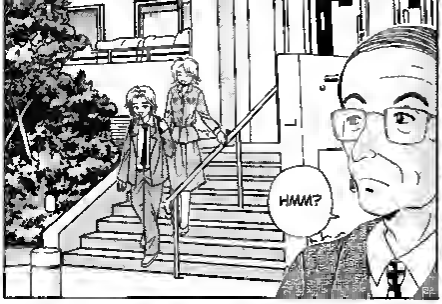
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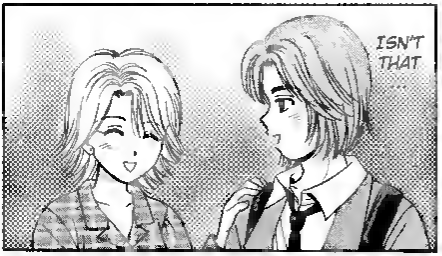
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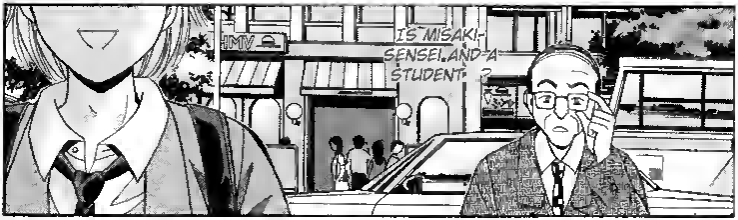
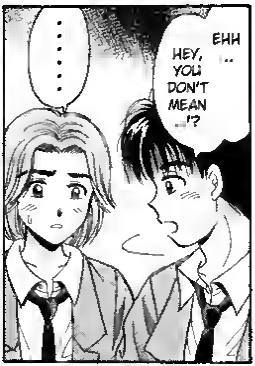

HMV
IS MISAKI-SENSEI AND A STUDENT...?

MISAKI-SENSEI WAS THE KEY TO HELPING ME UNDERSTAND.
SO NEXT TIME I TALK TO MY PARENTS, I'LL HAVE A MUCH COOLER HEAD.

YEAH.
EHH? SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY.

THIS IS BAD!
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S GOT YOU ALL FLUSTERED?
I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO TALK TO HER ABOUT MY PROBLEMS TOO THEN, HUH?
GODAMMIT! THE GOOD STUFF KEEPS HAPPENING TO YOU AND NOT TO ME!
OW OW!
AH HA HA
*SFX SLIDE
I OVERHEARD SOME OF THE CONVERSATION.
HE SAID SOMETHING LIKE HER BEHAVIOR ISN'T VERY BEFITTING A TEACHER'S, AND HE SOUNDED MAD!
WELL, WHY'S THAT?
HUFF HUFF
MISAKI-SENSEI WAS JUST CALLED INTO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE!
WHAT IN THE WORLD
HE ALSO SAID SOMETHING ABOUT INAPPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH STUDENTS
"BEHAVIOR NOT BEFITTING A TEACHER?"
WHAT THE HECK?
EHH !?

AND EVEN IF HE DID, WHY WOULD HE GET MAD ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
IT CAN'T BE, DID HE SEE US WALKING TOGETHER YESTERDAY OR SOMETHING...?


EHH..
HEY, YOU DON'T MEAN..!?
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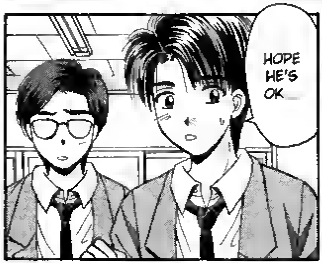
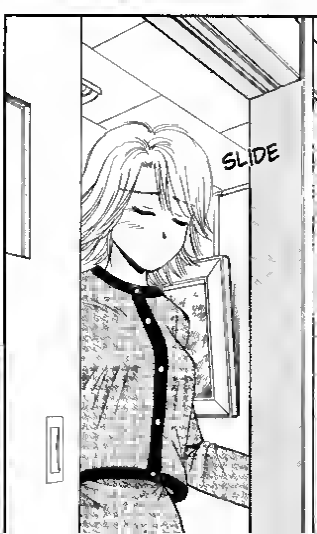

HOPE HE'S OK

ISE!
TURN

SENSEI ...!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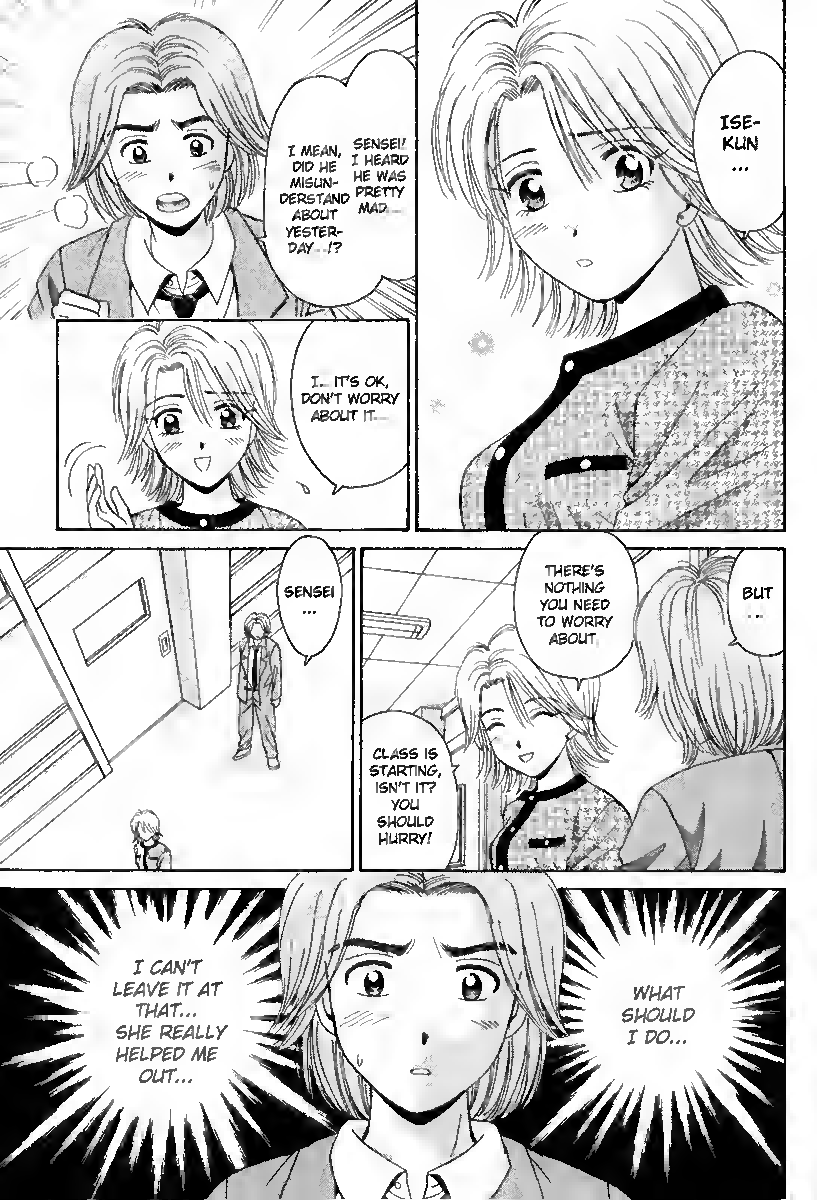
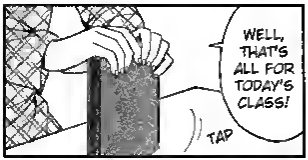
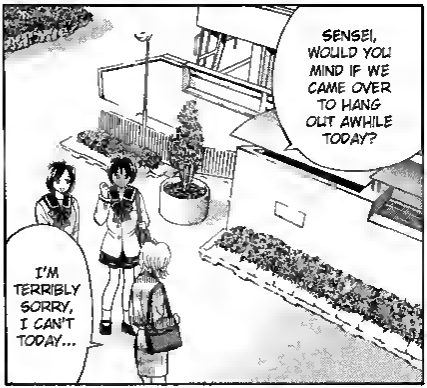
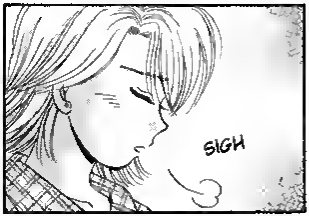

ISE-KUN...
SENSEI! I HEARD HE WAS PRETTY MAD...
I MEAN, DID HE MISUNDERSTAND ABOUT YESTERDAY...!?
I... IT'S OK, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
BUT...
THERE'S NOTHING YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT.
CLASS IS STARTING, ISN'T IT? YOU SHOULD HURRY!
SENSEI...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...
I CAN'T LEAVE IT AT THAT... SHE REALLY HELPED ME OUT...

...I'M SORRY, BUT I'VE GOT TO LEAVE A LITTLE EARLIER TODAY...
BUT INVITE ME AGAIN LATER, HUH?

SENSEI, WHY DON'T YOU COME VISIT THE TENNIS CLUB TODAY?
SENSEI, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US AT THE BOXING CLUB AGAIN TODAY?


WELL, THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY'S CLASS!
TAP

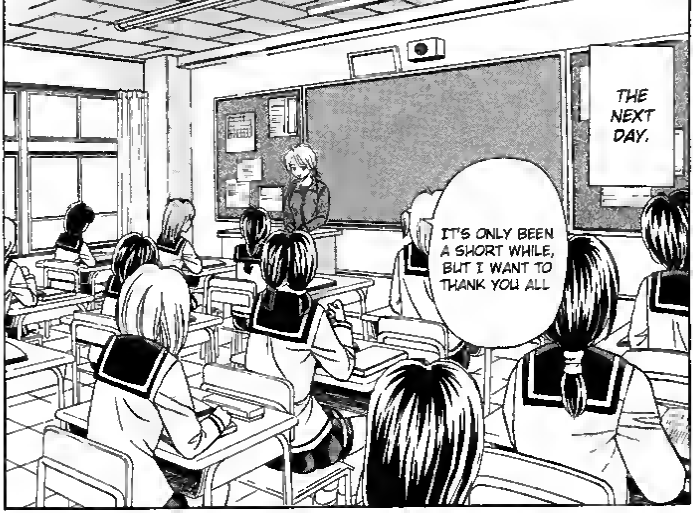

SENSEI, WOULD YOU MIND IF WE CAME OVER TO HANG OUT AWHILE TODAY?
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, I CAN'T TODAY...

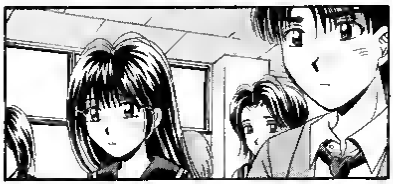

SIGH

YEAH.
SHE JUST HASN'T BEEN AS ENERGETIC RECENTLY.

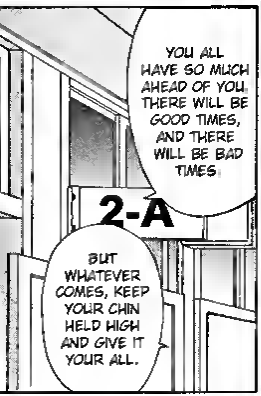
SLIDE

EVEN THOUGH TOMORROW IS HER LAST DAY, I'D REALLY LIKE TO DO SOMETHING TO CHEER HER UP.
YEAH, WE SHOULD


THE NEXT DAY.
IT'S ONLY BEEN A SHORT WHILE, BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL



A LOT HAS HAPPENED ...
FIDGET


YOU ALL HAVE SO MUCH AHEAD OF YOU. THERE WILL BE GOOD TIMES, AND THERE WILL BE BAD TIMES.
2-A
BUT WHATEVER COMES, KEEP YOUR CHIN HELD HIGH AND GIVE IT YOUR ALL.

I'VE HAD A LOT OF FUN THESE LAST TWO WEEKS ...
MEETING YOU ALL, AND LEARNING WITH YOU ALL.
REALLY ...

THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT TIME!
THE RELATION-SHIPS YOU BUILD IN HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE THE RELATION-SHIPS YOU CARRY WITH YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES
THAT'S WHY...
THAT'S WHY...
I LOVE THIS HIGH SCHOOL VERY MUCH, TOO!
SENSEI
WORRY
SO VERY MUCH...
I'M NOT REALLY SURE ABOUT THAT YET...
BUT ...
!
SENSEI, YOU WILL BECOME A TEACHER HERE, RIGHT!?

EVERY-ONE...
THANK YOU SO MUCH ...
FOR EVERY-THING!
SENSEI!
WHY DIDN'T SHE SAY SHE WOULD!?
SLIDE
AH, SENSEI ...!
NO, WE CAN'T.
WHAM
DANJOU-KUN! WHAT SHOULD WE DO!?
WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE IT LIKE THIS, RIGHT!?

*SFX: STAND STAND

*SFX: THOMP THOMP

SENSEI!
SENSEI!
SENSEI
INHALE
WHAT SHOULD WE DO
I DON'T WANT HER TO LEAVE LIKE THIS!
. . .

!
"NOWWW"
YAMATO ...!
"COULD BE FULFILLED"
"IF ONLY MY DREAM"
♫
"I WANT WINGS"
"OH HOW I'D SO LOVE TO FLY"
"THE BIG BLUE SKY"
"I'D SPREAD THEM IN"

"THERE IS NO SADNESS, JUST FREEDOM SO HIGH"
"IT GIVES MY HEART WINGS"

EV..
EVERYONE
...
HEY,
THERE ARE
CLOUDS!
!
POINT
STEP
YOU FLOAT ON
THE BREEZE
WITH A LIFE OF
SUCH EASE.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
YOU'RE FLOATING TOWARDS IWAKITAIRA, I DO BELIEVE.
I REALLY LIKE THAT POEM TOO!
ISE-KUN..
SENSEI, DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU TOLD US ABOUT HOW YOU WANTED TO BECOME A BEACON FOR STUDENTS WHO HAD LOST THEIR WAY?
...
WELL, YOU WERE THE KEY IN GETTING ME BACK ON TRACK.
SO, PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT YOU'RE GIVING UP ON TEACHING.
IF YOU'RE NOT AROUND, HOW WILL WE FIND OUR WAY WHEN WE GET LOST?

YOU SEE, YOU'VE BECOME OUR BEACON!
THANK YOU...
I'M SO GLAD I CAME HERE AS A STUDENT-TEACHER AND THAT I MET YOU ALL
SENSEI!!!!!!
DO YOUR BEST, YAAA!!
SENSEI! BECOME A FULL TEACHER AND COME RIGHT BACK. WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!

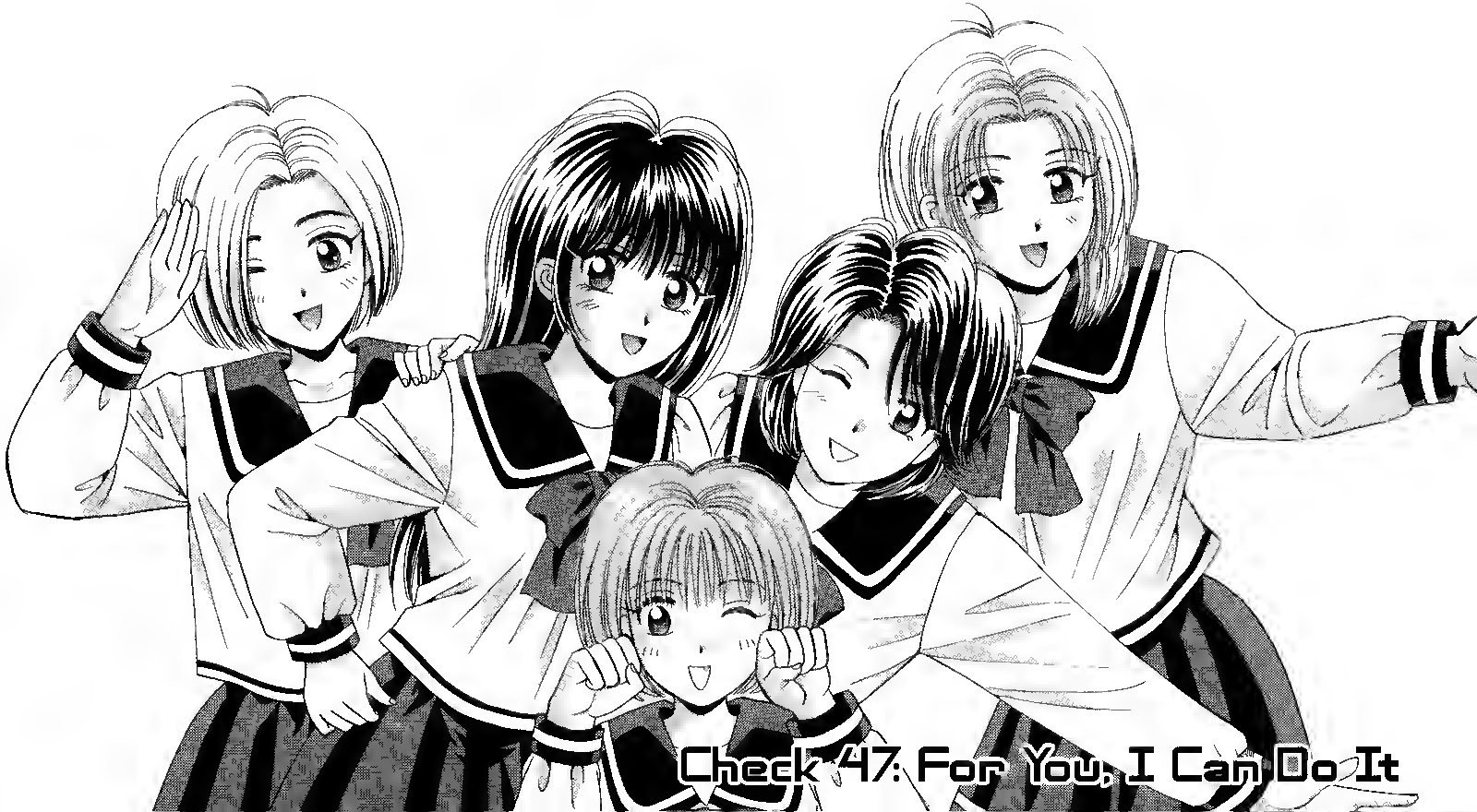
THANK YOU SO MUCH..!
WIPE
EVERYONE ....
HEY NOW, WHAT'RE YOU ALL DOING OUT HERE!?
YOU'RE STILL SUPPOSED TO BE IN CLASS, RIGHT!?
SO GO ON AND HURRY BACK!

I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO PERSONALLY SEE YOU BACK TO CLASS AFTER ALL!
SENSEI ...
I WILL BECOME A TRUE TEACHER!
WIPE
BUT YOU KNOW...
I CAN REALLY BELIEVE IN MYSELF AGAIN!
I LOVE YOU ALL!

SENSEIIII !!
ALL RIGHT!

IT'S WHAT MY HEART FELT THAT HER HEART NEEDED!
SOMETIMES YOU REALLY SEEM TO KNOW THE RIGHT THING TO DO!
SMILE
THAT'S RIGHT!
..
YEAH!

OPEN SESAME



Check 47: For You, I Can Do It

HUFF
HUFF
SFX DASH DASH
YO MOGAMI.
YUP, THERE'S A TOURNAMENT COMING UP SOON
DOING YOUR MORNING EXERCISES?
FLAP
FLAP
DOK!

... OH YEAH, I GUESS THAT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN YOU BACK THERE, HUH?
NO, NO I DIDN'T MEAN TO
WATCH WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING!
EVEN IN THE MORNING SHEESH!
.....
EH? BACK WHERE?
I HEARD SOME NOISE COMING FROM THE BOXING CLUB ROOM
SO FOR SURE ...
EH? FROM THE CLUB ROOM?
AH WELL .. I BETTER KEEP MOVING. DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY PACE SEE YA LATER.
AH YEAH
MORNING EXERCISES, HUH... I WONDER WHO IT IS?
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GO CHECK IT OUT.
AH!
BOXING CLUB
TAP TAP

YANAGI
!?
SFX WHAM
HE USUALLY DOESN'T PRACTICE IN THE MORNING, DOES HE !?
WHAT'S HE DOING !?
SFX WHAP
SFX WHUMP
AFTER SCHOOL
WHAT'S UP?!
SLIDE

AH.. YOU'RE ALREADY AT IT, HUH?
HEY, I DECIDED TO START A LITTLE EARLIER
HELLO!
SLIDE
HMM..?
HE GOT HERE EVEN EARLIER THAN ME... IT'S LIKE SOMETHING HAS GOTTEN HIM ALL FIRED UP.
GLARE
HMM
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON HERE!?
HA HA.. LOOKS LIKE I WIN, MOMOKO-CHAN!
YANAGI-SENPAI, YOU'RE ALREADY HERE!
AND HERE I THOUGHT I'D BE THE FIRST ONE TODAY.
HEY
AH DANJOU-SENPAI'S HERE TOO. HELLO!
SURE LEMME SEE THEM.
...
SENPAI, COULD YOU TEACH ME HOW YOU WRAP YOUR HANDS?

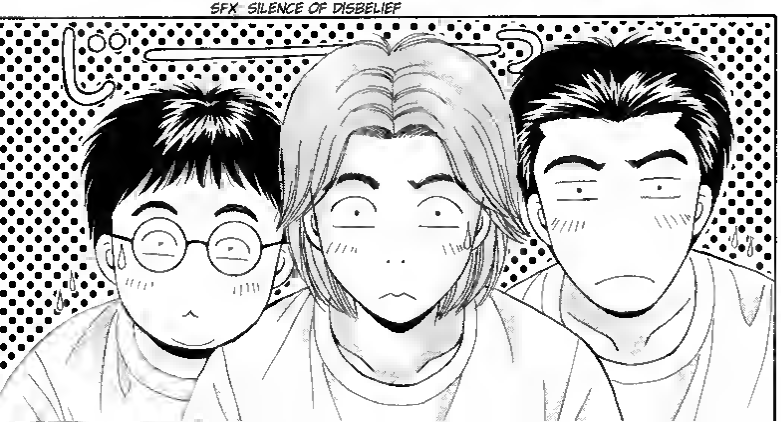
START BY WRAPPING IT AROUND YOUR THUMB.
HE'S GOT THIS MUCH ENERGY BECAUSE OF THAT GIRL ...
SMILE
EHHH... I SEE NOW!
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW!
GOOD JOB, EVERY-ONE!
THANKS FOR LOANING ME THIS CD.
REALLY? I'M GLAD YOU LIKED IT.
IT WAS REALLY GOOD NOTHING BUT GOOD SONGS.
YANAGI-SENPAI!

ALL RIGHT !
I GUESS SO ..
LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE THE SAME TASTE IN MUSIC, HUH?
AH YEAH I PLAN ON GETTING IT AS SOON AS IT COMES OUT
I'LL LET YOU BORROW IT TOO.
AND DID YOU KNOW THAT THE SECOND ALBUM IS GOING TO COME OUT REALLY SOON?
SHE'S TOTALLY AWESOME !
REALLY? I CAN'T WAIIIT ♡
SHE'S SO NICE, AND EASY TO TALK TO, AND WE'VE GOT THE SAME TASTES
EH ?
THIS CUTE GIRL WOULD BE THE GREATEST GIRLFRIEND
SMILE

HEY, LET'S PRACTICE HARD AGAIN, TOMORROW TOO!
YEAH!
UHH, IT'S NOTHING.
BEAMING
SEE YA!
SFX GAGAH
YANAGI!! I SAW THAT YOU KNOW!
WAH!?

GOT A PRETTY GOOD FEELING, HUH? THINK YOU TWO WILL GET TOGETHER SOON?
IT'S THAT GIRL, HUH? SHE'S THE SOURCE OF ALL YOUR NEW ENERGY!
YAMATO!
HUH? WHAT'RE YOU TALKING 'BOUT!?
YEAH, YEAH...
A REALLY NICE GAL...
BUT SHE IS A NICE GAL...
W-WAIT, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
YOU'RE JUST SO EASY TO FIGURE OUT.
AWW, NOTHING...
WH-WHAT IS IT?!

SFX: SILENCE OF DISBELIEF



GREAT JOB, YANAGI-SENPAI!
THANKS.
YEAH, THAT'S IT!
LIKE THIS ?
OK, LET'S SEE YOUR STANCE.
UH, TODAY, I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD HELP ME WITH JABS? I REALLY WANT TO MASTER THEM.
OF COURSE !
DON'CHA THINK THEY'RE GETTING A LITTLE TOO FRIENDLY ?
EVERY TIME EVERY SINGLE TIME...
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
THEN I'LL DO A THOUSAND ON THE SAND BAG !
AND I'LL GO JUMP ROPE!
DAMMIT! WELL, I'M GONNA DO A THOUSAND REPS ON THE PUNCHING BAG!
THOSE NUTS
DON
HA HA
SEEMS LIKE THE GUYS WHO GIVE IT THEIR ALL REALLY HAVE IT WITH THE GIRLS, HUH?

HUH? IT'S YANAGI-KUN AND...
HEY DANJOU, WAIT UP!
HMM ?
AH!
HEY, I JUST SAW YANAGI TOGETHER WITH A GIRL IN THE LIBRARY!
AHH .. YUP. THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE MOMOKO SAKURAI THE NEW FIRST-YEAR GIRL WHO JOINED OUR CLUB.

YEAH ...
ALTHOUGH I'M PRETTY SURE THEY'RE NOT ACTUALLY DATING YET
IT LOOKS LIKE YANAGI'S ON THE RIGHT TRACK!
YOU KNEW? IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GETTING ALONG WELL!
WH-WHAT BRINGS YOU TWO HERE?
SHE'S REALLY CUTE, ISN'T SHE?
YANAGI, LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUNNN
SEE YA!
...WELL, IT WAS ALL JUST BY COINCIDENCE, REALLY ...
EH ?
I SENSED SOME REALLY GOOD VIBES THERE
IT WAS RIGHT AFTER PRACTICE
SHOOT, I FORGOT SOME-THING.
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU TWO STARTED HANGING OUT?
... EH?

POLISH
POLISH
GRAB

FIGHT
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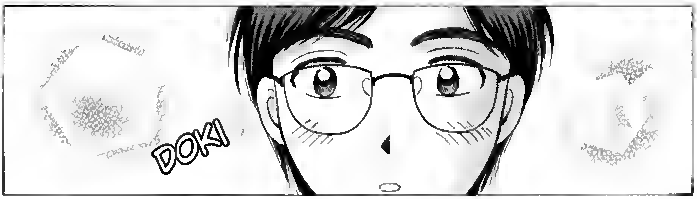
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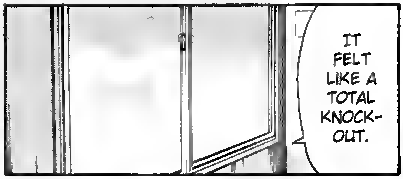
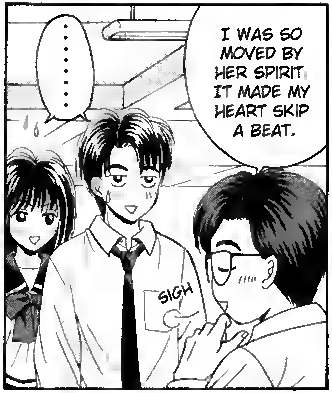

IT FELT LIKE A TOTAL KNOCK-OUT.


I WAS SO MOVED BY HER SPIRIT. IT MADE MY HEART SKIP A BEAT.
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SIGH

EHH... SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED ...
SHE SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT GAL.

YEAH, WE'LL SUPPORT YOU.
GO FOR IT, MAN!
SHE'S SO FRIENDLY AND WE'VE GOT THE SAME INTERESTS. IT JUST FEELS RIGHT...
YEAH ...
WELL... I DO HAVE ONE LITTLE UPDATE TO MAKE...
EH? WHAT'S THAT?
THAT'S GREAT!
EHH ...
SEE, HER BIRTHDAY IS THIS MONDAY AND WE DECIDED TO GO CELEBRATE, JUST THE TWO OF US...
HOW ABOUT A LOTTERY TICKET? THAT'S WHERE DREAMS ARE...
PINCH
YEAH... THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT I'VE NEVER BOUGHT A GIRL A BIRTHDAY PRESENT BEFORE...
I JUST DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT TO GET HER
THAT HURT!
TRY TO BE JUST A LITTLE SERIOUS HERE...

I'M REALLY NOT THE ONE TO BE ASKED
MOGAMI, WHAT SHOULD HE GET FOR HER BIRTHDAY?
LESSEE IF IT WERE MY BIRTHDAY, I'D SAY...
ACCES-SORIES WOULD BE GOOD.
SOMETHING THAT SHE WOULD SEE EVERY DAY AND REMEMBER YOU BY...
AND IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SOMETHING EXPENSIVE EITHER! IT JUST HAS TO BE FROM THE HEART.
THAT'S WHAT WILL DELIGHT HER THE MOST.
I SEE...
OHHH
BEST OF LUCK!
UH-HUH UH-HUH
AAH, THANKS
THANK YOU. YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP.

EH !?
SOME-THING CAME UP!?
BUT WE HAD A PROMISE ...
I'M SO SORRY !!
I SEE ...
WELL, I GUESS NOTHING CAN BE DONE
GRANDMA HAD TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL, SO I'VE JUST GOT TO GO VISIT HER
IT'S OK, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.. I'M REALLY SORRY
YOUR GRANDMA ?

IT'S OK, I KNOW YOUR GRANDMA WILL BE JUST FINE.
OHHH. I DON'T KNOW.
SIGH
EH? WHY'S THAT?
AND WHAT'S MORE, I THINK IT WAS MY FAULT THAT SHE HAD TO BE HOSPITAL-IZED.
"SARU-BOBO"... HUH...
YEAH... I GOT IT FROM GRANDMA. MY "SARUBOBO" CHARM.
FIDGET
I LOST AN IMPORTANT PROTECTION CHARM
TN: A ORIGINAL TEXT OMAMORI = A SMALL CHARM BELIEVED TO WARD OFF MISFORTUNE
A PRO-TECTION CHARM ?

飛騨
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS JUST A LITTLE HAND-CRAFTED CHARM FROM HIDA TAKAYAMA,
IT'S SOMETHING GRANDMA GOT FROM HER GRANDMOTHER WHEN SHE WAS VERY YOUNG.
TN: HIDA TAKAYAMA—A HISTORICAL TOWN IN GIFU PREFECTURE FAMOUS FOR CRAFTS, INCLUDING THE SARUBOBO CHARM. CHECK OUT HTTP://WWW.HIDA.JP/ENGLISH/
AHH, SOMETHING TO REMEMBER HER BY....
WHERE DID YOU LOSE IT?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE IT COULD'VE GONE!
MAYBE SINCE IT'S SO OLD, SOMEONE MIGHT HAVE FOUND IT AND MISTOOK IT FOR TRASH AND THREW IT AWAY.
HEY... IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT THAT YOUR GRANDMA'S IN THE HOSPITAL. CHEER UP!
YEAH ...
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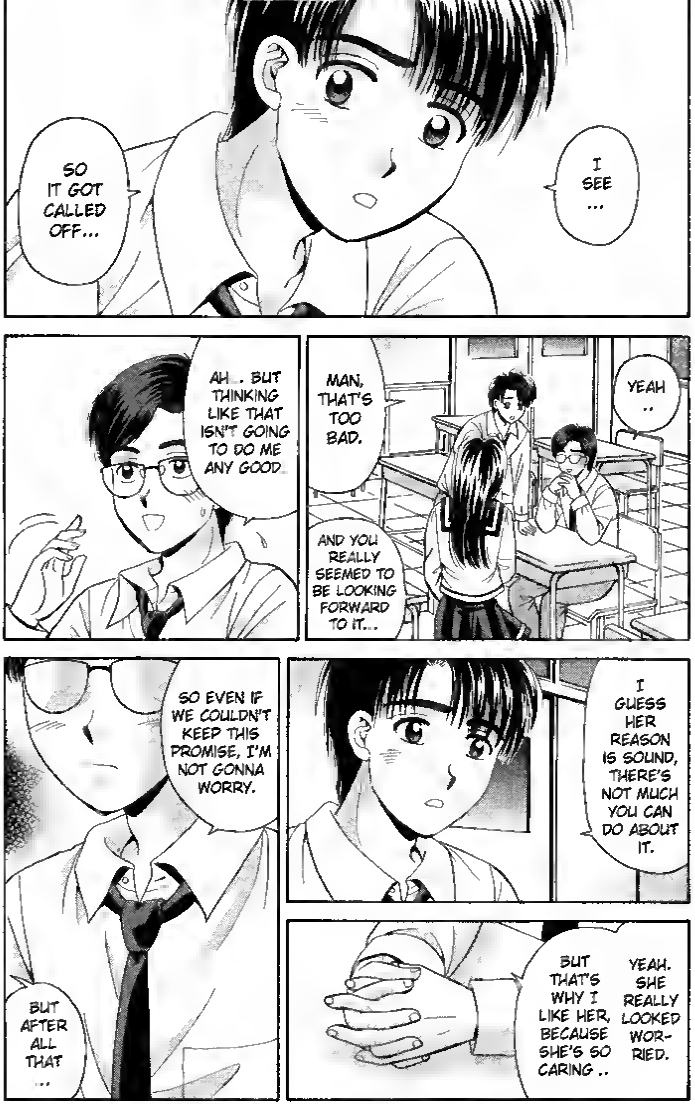

I SEE ...
SO IT GOT CALLED OFF...
YEAH ..
MAN, THAT'S TOO BAD.
AND YOU REALLY SEEMED TO BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...
AH . BUT THINKING LIKE THAT ISN'T GOING TO DO ME ANY GOOD.
I GUESS HER REASON IS SOUND, THERE'S NOT MUCH YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.
YEAH. SHE REALLY LOOKED WORRIED.
BUT THAT'S WHY I LIKE HER, BECAUSE SHE'S SO CARING ..
SO EVEN IF WE COULDN'T KEEP THIS PROMISE, I'M NOT GONNA WORRY.
BUT AFTER ALL THAT ...

I MEAN IT'S NOT LIKE THIS BIRTHDAY IS EVERYTHING. I'LL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE.
AND I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL THEN, TOO!
YEAH... YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
SLIDE
ALL RIGHT! THEN FOR TODAY, I'LL PUT MY ENERGY INTO BOXING!
ガラ
DO YOU THINK YANAGI-KUN'S REALLY OK...?
I DUNNO... LOOKS TO ME LIKE HE'S JUST TRYING HIS BEST TO GRIN AND BEAR IT.

HEY, IT'S TODAY, ISN'T IT? THAT GIRL'S BIRTH-DAY.
YANAGI'S TAKING THE DAY OFF, HUH ?
PROBABLY 'CAUSE HE'S FEELING DOWN A-BOUT YES-TERDAY.
THE NEXT DAY.
OH NO, YOU DON'T THINK HE'S IN SHOCK OR ANYTHING, DO YOU?
.....
OK, I THINK I'LL GO CHECK ON HIM AFTER SCHOOL THEN
DO YOU WANNA COME TOO?
YEAH, I THINK I WILL ...
AH!
DONG
WAH !?
WHAT THE ...!?
HEY, DON'T WALK SO CLOSE TO ME ....

THAT GIRL, ISN'T THAT MOMOKO-CHAN?
YEAH, THAT'S HER
WHAT'S GOING ON? WASN'T SHE SUPPOSED TO BE VISITING HER GRAND-MOTHER TODAY?
YEAH... THAT'S WHAT YANAGI SAID...
SO THEN, WHY ?
DOESN'T THAT LOOK LIKE A DATE OR SOME-THING TO YOU?
Y... YEAH ...

H... HOLD ON!
I THINK I'M GONNA HAVE TO ASK HER WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT
FOR WHAT ?
.....
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU STARTING A FIGHT. LET'S MAKE SURE WE DON'T JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS HERE.
DANJOU-KUN .
YEAH, YOU'RE PROBA-BLY RIGHT
WELL, IF YANAGI KNEW ABOUT THIS, I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY HE'S IN SHOCK. MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST LEAVE HIM BE FOR NOW

WHAT IS IT? YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME?
THE NEXT DAY.
EH? YEAH, IT WAS...
YESTERDAY WAS YOUR BIRTHDAY, RIGHT?
THE PLANS CHANGED, TURNS OUT I'LL BE VISITING HER THIS WEEKEND. SHE ISN'T IN AS BAD A SHAPE AS I THOUGHT SHE WAS.
WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE VISITING YOUR GRAND-MOTHER, THOUGH?
AH, DID YOU SEE THAT? HOW EMBAR-RASSING...
SO INSTEAD, YOU WENT ON A DATE?

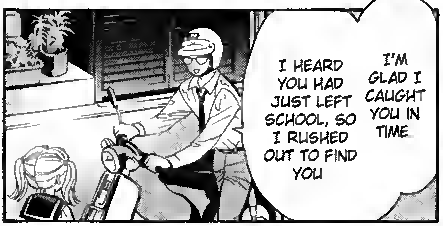
BUT DIDN'T YOU ALREADY HAVE PLANS WITH YANAGI-KUN?
HE'S A BOY FROM MY CLASS. HE ASKED IF I WANTED TO GO CELE-BRATE.
GRUNT
YEAH, BUT HAYASHI-KUN IS JUST SOO MUCH COOLER THAN YANAGI-SENPAI.
EH ...?
THAT'S WHY YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE WITH YANAGI-KUN ?

BROKE... YOU SAY, BUT WHEN I TOLD HIM I COULDN'T GO, I REALLY DID PLAN ON GOING TO SEE MY GRANDMA.
SO IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WENT WITH SOMEONE ELSE TO GO CELEBRATE.
YANAGI-SENPAI THINKS THAT I REALLY WAS JUST VISITING MY GRANDMA, SO IT'S OK.
NOBODY GOT HURT THAT WAY.
YOU LITTLE ...
SMACK

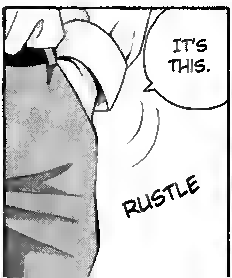
.....
WH-WHAT WAS THAT FOR!?
STOP SPEAKING NONSENSE!

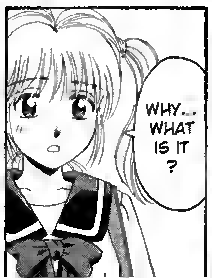
NOBODY GOT HURT, YOU SAY !?
IT SEEMS THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CLUE WHAT A HEARTACHE FEELS LIKE. THAT WAS A WAKE-UP CALL!
STOP SPEAKING NONSENSE !
VROOM
HEY, MOMOKO-CHAN!

HERE YOU ARE! I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU!


I HEARD YOU HAD JUST LEFT SCHOOL, SO I RUSHED OUT TO FIND YOU
I'M GLAD I CAUGHT YOU IN TIME

SENPAI ...


IT'S THIS.
RUSTLE


WHY... WHAT IS IT ?

SHOEI
SEE ?
AH... "SARU-BOBO" ...
SHOEI
YEAH, IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT! ALTHOUGH IT IS A DAY LATE...
SORRY I COULDN'T GET IT TO YOU YES-TERDAY.
SENPAI ...
WHY ...?
'CAUSE YOU SAID IT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT TO YOU.
飛蝉

I TOOK MY DAD'S SCOOTER, SO IT TOOK QUITE A BIT OF TIME!
HIDA TAKAYAMA'S ACTUALLY PRETTY FAR FROM HERE, ISN'T IT?
HIS PANTS ARE COVERED IN DIRT
AND HIS SHIRT'S ALL WET
SENPAI, YOUR CLOTHES ..
OH, YEAH IT STARTED TO RAIN WHILE I WAS ON THE ROAD.
AH .. HOW'S YOUR GRAND-MOTHER DOING ?
YOU WENT TO SEE HER YESTER-DAY, RIGHT ?

I KNOW THIS MAY NOT BE AS GOOD AS THE ORIGINAL, BUT I HOPE IT HELPS YOUR GRANDMA GET BETTER.
飛騨
スキ
HE WENT ALL THE WAY TO HIDA TAKAYAMA JUST TO BUY THIS ONE LITTLE KEY-CHAIN ...?
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN SO NICE
HE'S EVEN LISTENED TO EVERY ONE OF MY SELFISH REQUESTS ...
AND I... AND I...
SENPAI HAS BEEN GREAT IN EVERY WAY ...

EH ?
WHAT IS IT MOMOKO-CHAN?
IT HURTS MY HEART ...
WHEN I LOOK AT SENPAI'S SMILING FACE.
...I'M SORRY.
I'M SO SORRY.
I'M SORRY.
... NO, IT'S NOTHING.
CLUTCH
MO-MOKO-CHAN ?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "YOU'RE SORRY" ?
WHAT IS IT?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING ?

THANK YOU.
SEN-PAI.
YEAH, GREAT NEWS FOR YANAGI, HUH?
EH... SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPEN-ED?
AH, IT'S MOMOKO AND YANAGI.
HMM? THAT VOICE . . .

YEAH, IT SEEMS LIKE THE NICE FELLOW THAT YANAGI IS FINALLY GOT THROUGH TO SAKURAI, HUH?
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GETTING ALONG JUST FINE NOW, DOESN'T IT?

I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL THAT SHE STILL MAY THINK OF HIM AS JUST A TOY, THOUGH...
TRUE, BUT I THINK EVERYONE WILL BE HAPPIER IF WE JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT.
BUT AFTER ALL THAT, HE STILL DOESN'T KNOW SHE WAS WITH ANOTHER GUY ON HER BIRTHDAY, RIGHT?

YEAH. I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT IT, 'CAUSE FROM HERE THEY LOOK AS HAPPY AS THEY CAN BE.

GOOD MORNING, YAMATO-SAN. ♡
BIG BROTHER, ARE YOU HEADING HOME?
OPEN SESAME
(オープン セサミ)
YEP.
YOU TWO ARE ALWAYS SO CLOSE.
OH, YOU TWO ARE HEADING HOME TOO?
AH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME ALONG AND HAVE FUN WITH US?
WE'RE GOING TO KAYA'S TO HAVE SOME FUN.
HUH, ME!?
OH ...

WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR !?
EH? BUT ...
DADDY AND MOMMY ARE ON VACATION RIGHT NOW, SO NO ONE'S HOME YOU CAN COME OVER TOO, IF YOU WANT TO.
REALLY ?
MY SISTER SAID SHE WAS MAKING A DELICIOUS DINNER, SO LET'S GO EAT IT TOGETHER!
HOW ABOUT IT? COME ON ♡
ALL RIGHT !
OKAY! LET'S GO THEN!
I MIGHT GET A CHANCE TO EAT IT
YUM
MOGAMI'S HOME MADE COOKING ...

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WELCOME BACK.
OH... MOGAMI!
SHE'S WEARING AN APRON SO SHE'S PROBABLY COOKING SOMETHING.
I'M HOME.
WELCOME, YAYOI-CHAN.
I'M HERE TOO, YOU KNOW
SORRY TO INTRUDE.

SINCE I HEARD YOU WERE COMING, I DECIDED TO MAKE CURRY TONIGHT.
OHHH. SOME-THING SMELLS WONDER-FUL!
WAAAA! THANK YOU SO MUCH! I ABSOLUTELY LOVE CURRY!!
YEAH.
MO-GAMI ...
WHAT ABOUT ME...?
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
HE HE.
WELL, HURRY ON IN.
'KAAAAY!
HEY, DON'T FRET. THERE'S SOME FOR YOU AS WELL, SO COME ON IN.

BRO-THER
CHOMP CHOMP
DON'T EAT SO QUICKLY NOW.
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
EH ...
WHOA
OI, BUT IT'S SO DARN GOOD !!
CHOMP
CHOMP
SHOVEL SHOVEL
NGURK
THUMP THUMP
SLOW DOWN A BIT THERE'S PLENTY TO GO AROUND AFTER ALL.
IF YOU EAT TOO QUICKLY, YOU'LL CHOKE.
GEEZ ...
JUST LIKE I SAID

LOVE PERSONALITY TEST.
THINGS EVEN YOU DIDN'T KNOW
DISCOVER YOUR DEEPEST FEELINGS!
YOUR LOVE ENERGY OUTLOOK
YAMATO-SAN, LOOK, LOOK!
WHY DON'T WE TRY THIS PERSONALITY TEST?
A PERSONALITY TEST?
*SFX. TADAM
IT'LL GAUGE YOUR REPUTATION ON THE MARK.
ANSWER EACH QUESTION WITH A YES OR A NO, 'K?
ALL RIGHT.
IT'S WHAT EVERYONE'S BEEN DOING AT SCHOOL.
EH?
ARE YOU A MORNING PERSON?
NO.
WOULD YOU RATHER BE OUTSIDE THAN STAY INDOORS?
YES.
DO YOU ENJOY HISTORICAL PLAYS?
YES.
DO YOU COLLECT OPEN SESAME?
NO.
DO YOU PREFER ONIGIRI FILLED WITH UMEBOSHI INSTEAD OF TARAKO?
YES.
WHAT!?
EH, WHEN BROTHER'S AT HOME, HE'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID!
RIGHT
HMM, YAMATO-SAN'S THE "KIND, WARM-HEARTED, PARENTAL" TYPE.
HE'S ALSO MANLY, A DEPENDABLE FRIEND AND POPULAR WITH EVERYONE
OF COURSE, IT'S OBVIOUS!

EH? REALLY ?
OK, SO FOR BIG SIS IT SAYS: KIND AND THOUGHTFUL, A "VIRGIN-MARY TYPE".
IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHOM I'M AROUND. I CAN BE SWEET TOO YOU KNOW.
NO WAY! THAT TOTALLY MISSED THE MARK THERE!
THAT BOOK'S A TOTAL CROCK
YOU JUST DON'T GET IT.
EH ?
WOOF ?
WELL, I PREFER TO THINK OF MYSELF MORE AS A PRIEST-ESS
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHEN YOU'RE WITH ME, YOU'RE LIKE A DEVIL.
DOKI

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WHO'S A MONKEY!?
BUT OF COURSE, DATING MONKEYS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION
I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE MEANS BY CHANGING DEPENDING ON WHOM YOU'RE WITH.
ABSOLUTELY! THAT'S TOTALLY TRUE!
SO SHE REALLY CAN BE A "VIRGIN MARY" TYPE TOO, HUH..?
AH... HMMM...
DING-DONG
WHO COULD IT BE AT THIS HOUR?
YEAH.
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EHHHHHH !?
THE POLICE !?
EH !?
A R-ROBBERY !?
A-ARE YOU SERIOUS !?
AND THE SUSPECT IS STILL AT LARGE.
YOU SEE... THERE'S BEEN A ROBBERY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
YEAH ...
A ROBBERY, HOW STARTLING IT'S PRETTY SCARY
OF COURSE... THANKS FOR WARNING US
SO WE ARE ADVISING EVERYONE TO LOCK ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS PLEASE BE CAREFUL

I'M FINE WITH THAT.
EH !?
YAMATO-SAN. WHY DON'T YOU CONSIDER JUST STAYING HERE FOR THE NIGHT THEN?
AND YOU TOO YAYOI.
HMM ...
HEY... I'D CERTAINLY FEEL SAFER IF YAMATO WERE HERE WOULDN'T YOU SIS?
TONIGHT, MOM AND DAD AREN'T HERE SO IT'S EXTRA SCARY.
AH... WELL THEN, I GUESS SO...
I GUESS IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE A GUY HERE, HUH?
SO WHY DON'T YOU STAY TONIGHT ?

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A ROBBERY, HUH? WHAT A STRANGE THING TO HAPPEN AROUND HERE
AND TO THINK I'D END UP STAYING AT MOGAMI'S FOR THE NIGHT
MOGAMI ALWAYS... RIGHT IN THIS SPOT
カポーン

WITH THIS SOAP, EVERY DAY SHE...
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きゅっ
AHHH... WHAT A DOPE ☆
チャポン
ブクブク
THE SCENT OF THE SOAP ..
SNIFF SNIFF
..EH, OF COURSE IT SMELLS LIKE THAT! WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING ANYWAY?
*SFX: SPLASH
WH-WHAT IS IT ?
HE HE

AHH SHADDAP! AMAZA-SENSEI AND I DON'T EXACTLY HAVE THE SAME STATURE THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO
THEY'RE HUUUGE! THOSE SWEATS SERIOUSLY DON'T FIT YOU!
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AH.
THOSE PANTS ARE SO BAGGY ON YOU!
BAGGY
ERR ...
BUT THE SLEEVES ARE A PERFECT FIT.
OH, YOU'RE GONNA LAUGH TOO, HUH?
WOOF WOOF
YIPE!
CLICK
AH, OK.
WAIT FOR A SEC IN THE LIVING ROOM WHILE I GET US SOMETHING TO DRINK

EHH!
THIS ROOM'S ATMOSPHERE IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT AT NIGHT THAN DURING THE DAY.
HERE WE ARE.
カチャ カチャ
UH? OH. THANK YOU.
EH? THIS BLACK TEA IS FANTASTIC!
WHAT DID YOU PUT IN IT?
CAN YOU GUESS?
EHH, SOME BRANDY, HUH?
I PUT JUST A LITTLE OF MY FATHER'S BRANDY IN IT.

HEY NOW, YOU'RE NOT A DANGEROUS DRUNK, ARE YOU?
JUST A COUPLE DROPS IS NOT GOING TO GET US DRUNK.
BESIDES, I'D PROBABLY BE THE ONE IN TROUBLE IF WE DID.
EH ...
THEN ARE YOU SURE IT'S SAFE TO BE ALONE WITH SUCH A DANGEROUS GUY?
ALONE WITH...
DOKI
OH... I ALMOST FORGOT. THERE'S A TELEVISION PROGRAM I'D LIKE TO WATCH.
WH-WHAT SHOW?

HMMM ...
SUMMER SONATIN
CHAPTER
YOU DON'T ?
WELL, THIS COULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO LEARN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT A WOMAN'S HEART
IT'S CALLED "SUMMER SONA-TINA"
I CATCH IT EVERY WEEK DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MIGHT BE ABOUT?
C'MON!
LET'S WATCH IT TO-GETHER.
DOKI
PAT
PAT

JUST WATCH QUIETLY, OK?
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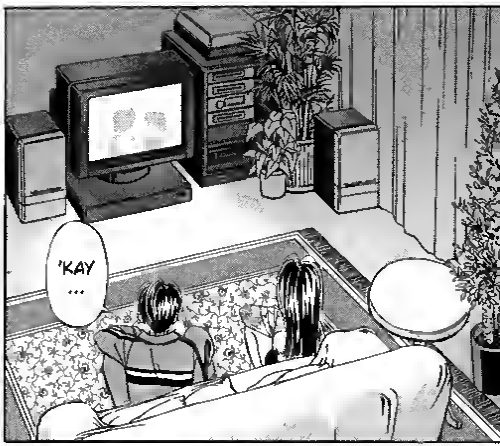
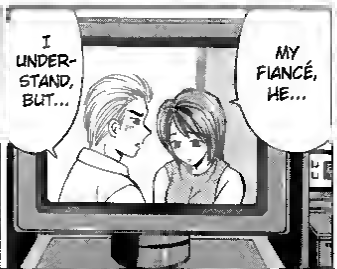
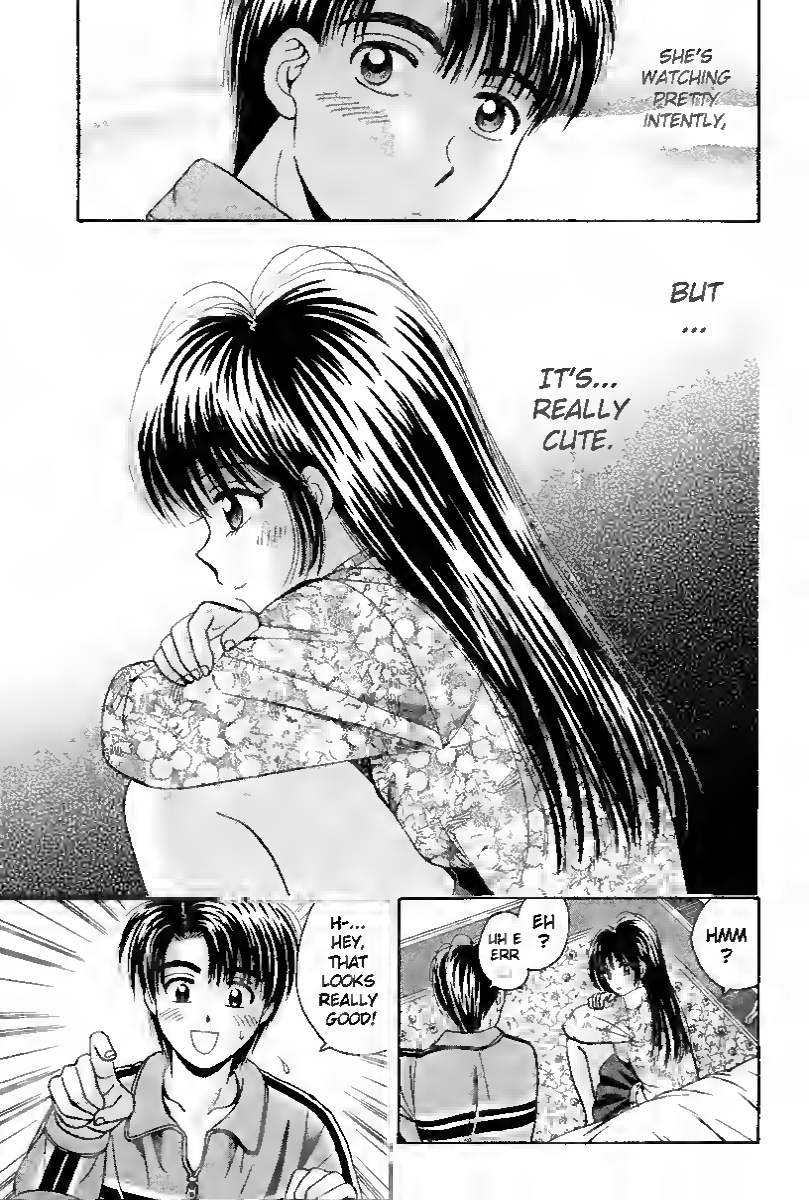
I'M JUST WATCHING TV WITH MOGAMI... CALM DOWN

WHAT A FUNNY FEELING...

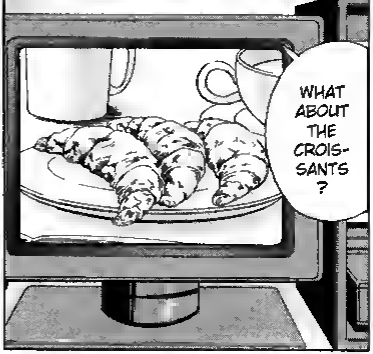

'KAY...

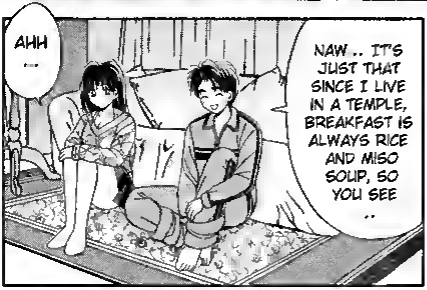
GIRLS SERIOUSLY DO LIKE THIS SORT OF ROMANCE THING, DON'T THEY...?


I UNDER-STAND, BUT...
MY FIANCÉ, HE...

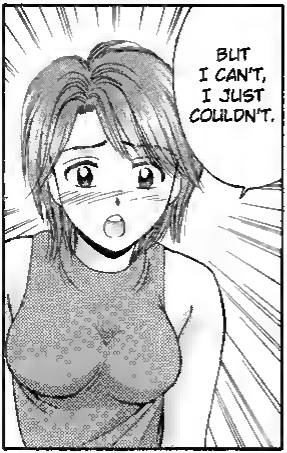

SHE'S WATCHING PRETTY INTENTLY,
BUT ...
IT'S... REALLY CUTE.
H-... HEY, THAT LOOKS REALLY GOOD!
UH E ERR
EH ?
HMM ?

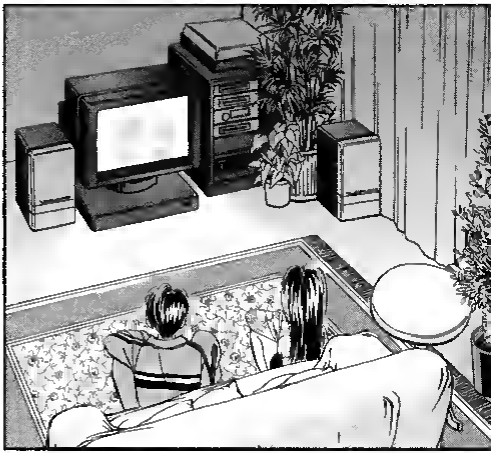
I-IT LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BE NICE FOR BREAK-FAST.」OR SOME-THING.


WHAT ABOUT THE CROIS-SANTS ?


AHH ...
NAW .. IT'S JUST THAT SINCE I LIVE IN A TEMPLE, BREAKFAST IS ALWAYS RICE AND MISO SOUP, SO YOU SEE ..

THIS... IT'S JUST REGULAR BREAD YOU KNOW.
YOU DON'T USUALLY EAT BREAK-FAST, DO YOU?


BUT I CAN'T, I JUST COULDN'T.



WHATEVER MAY HAPPEN, I SWEAR I'LL PROTECT YOU!
IT'S OKAY.
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THAT'S SO COOL.
I'D LOVE IT IF SOMEONE SAID THAT TO ME.
DROOL
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'D EVER BE SO INCLINED TO SAY SUCH A THING, THOUGH.
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WHA ?
DIDJA SAY SOME-THING?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU JUST SLEPT RIGHT THROUGH THE MOST TOUCHING SCENE!
GEEZ, YOU DON'T HAVE A SENSITIVE SIDE AT ALL, DO YOU?
WOOF WOOF !
IS IT THAT BRANDY TALKING?
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'RE YOU SO MAD ABOUT?
GET BACK TO THE GUEST ROOM!
YOU TOTALLY SPOILED THE MOOD!
STAYING OVER AT MOGAMI'S HOUSE FOR THE NIGHT, HUH?
...I REALLY AM
WHAT A WEIRD FEELING ...
I ATE HER HOMEMADE CURRY WITH HER, AND WATCHED TV WITH HER.

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, CONSIDERING WE MET ONLY A YEAR AGO,
WHEN SHE SUDDENLY TOSSED ME TO THE GROUND;
WE'VE HAD FIGHTS,
WE CRIED,
WE LAUGHED,
WE'VE REALLY BEEN THROUGH A LOT TOGETHER.
DANG IT. NOW I'M NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO GET TO SLEEP 'CAUSE OF HER.
FLOP
I GUESS WE'VE REALLY DRAWN PRETTY CLOSE TO EACH OTHER IN A YEAR'S TIME HUH?
HAA

DANJOU-KUN.
EH?
ドキン
*SFX: DOKI
DO YOU LIKE ME ...?
MOGAMI YOU
ドキドキドキドキ

HOLD ME...
MO... MOGAMI !? H-HOLD ON!
WE'RE NOT THAT ...
A DREAM ... GO FIGURE HUH?
HUH
.....
WAAAGH!

DANJOU-KUN?
IT'S NOT... A DREAM ..!
SFX DOKI DOKI DOKI
DID THAT DREAM BECOME TRUE!?
WH-WHY IS MOGAMI HERE NOW ...!?
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ドキ
ドキ
WAAUGH! MOGAMI !?
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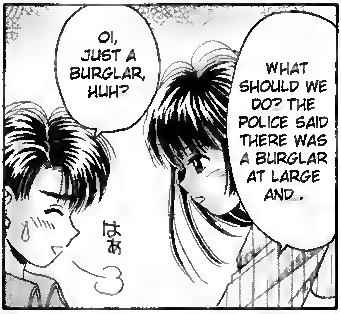
*SFX SHUFFLE

DOES SHE REALLY THINK OF ME LIKE THAT!?
WH-WHAT ...?
DANJOU-KUN...
*SFX: DOKI DOKI DOKI...
EH?
MO-GAMI!!
YOU SCARED TOO?


OI, JUST A BURGLAR, HUH?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? THE POLICE SAID THERE WAS A BURGLAR AT LARGE AND..
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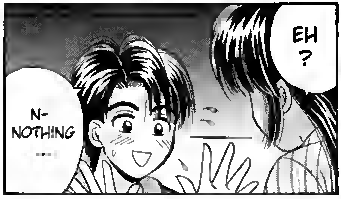
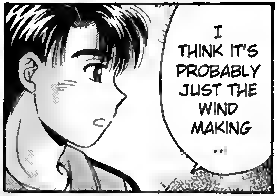
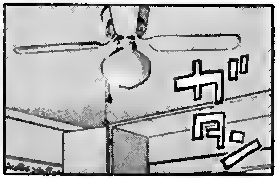
EH !?
I THINK SOME-ONE'S IN THE GARDEN I HEARD NOISES


EH ?
N-NOTHING ...

..I'M GONNA GO TAKE A LOOK IT COULD BE DANGER-OUS, YOU SHOULD WAIT HERE.


I THINK IT'S PROBABLY JUST THE WIND MAKING ..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*SFX THUMB

I-IT COULDN'T BE! COULD THERE REALLY BE SOMEONE !?

CLUTCH
DANJOU-KUN...
EH ?
MOGAMI
DOKI
IT'S MORE DANGEROUS IF WE'RE NOT TOGETHER.
I'LL GO TOO.

LIKE YOU SAID, FROM THE GARDEN ...
*SFX: THUMP
MOGAMI...
CLUTCH
DANJOU-KUN..

MAYBE IT REALLY IS DANGEROUS AND WE SHOULD JUST CALL THE POLICE...
IT'S OK. IF THERE'S A SCUMBAG OR TWO IN THERE, I'LL JUST BEAT THEM DOWN!
BUT WHAT IF THE WORST WERE TO HAPPEN ...
DON'T WORRY.
BUT ...
IT'S OK!
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DANJOU-KUN.
WHATEVER HAPPENS, I SWEAR I'LL PROTECT YOU!!

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WAIT
...

GULP
DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING
DANJOU
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KUN
ooo
*SFX SLAM
WHO THE HELL'S IN HERE!?
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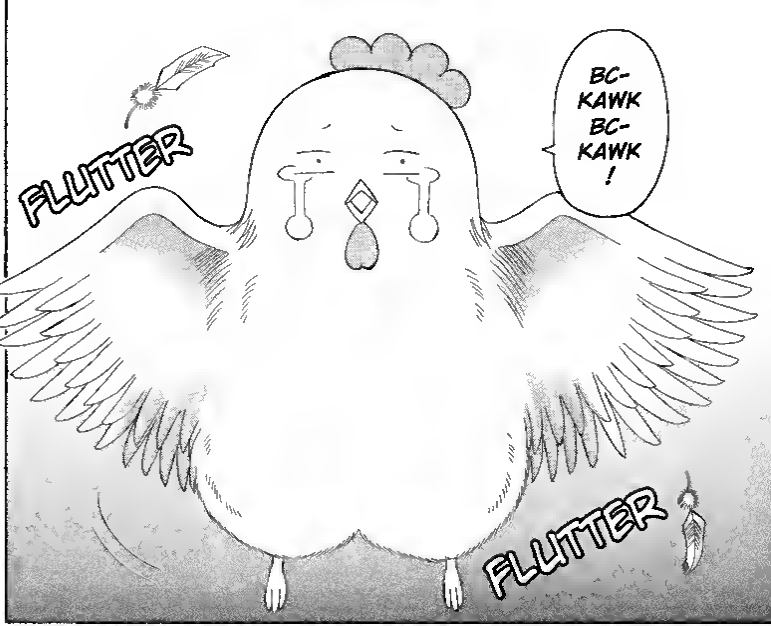
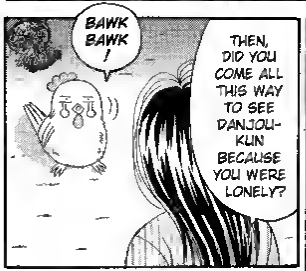
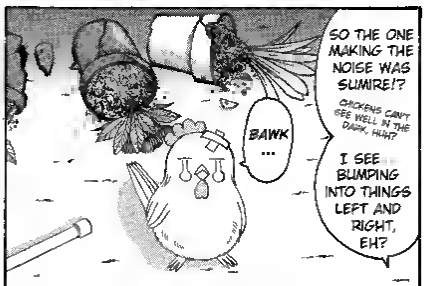
RATTLE RATTLE
IN HERE, HUH... THE SCUM.


FLUTTER
BC-KAWK BC-KAWK!
FLUTTER

EH? SUMIRE-CHAN!?

SUMIRE!


BAWK BAWK!
THEN, DID YOU COME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE DANJOU-KUN BECAUSE YOU WERE LONELY?


SO THE ONE MAKING THE NOISE WAS SUMIRE!?
CHICKENS CAN'T SEE WELL IN THE DARK, HUH?
I SEE BUMPING INTO THINGS LEFT AND RIGHT, EH?
BAWK...

BC-KAWK!
UWHA?
SUMIRE!
OH, I JUST KNEW I'D LITTLE PUPU!
BC BC-KAWK!
*SFX FLAP FLAP
UWHA...
YOU...
BAWK♡
*SFX WHUMP
DON'T GO FREAKING US OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT LIKE THAT!
BAWK!?
AWW... SUMIRE-CHAN♡
BAWK♡
SNUGGLE
SNUGGLE
JUST COULDN'T HELP IT HUH?

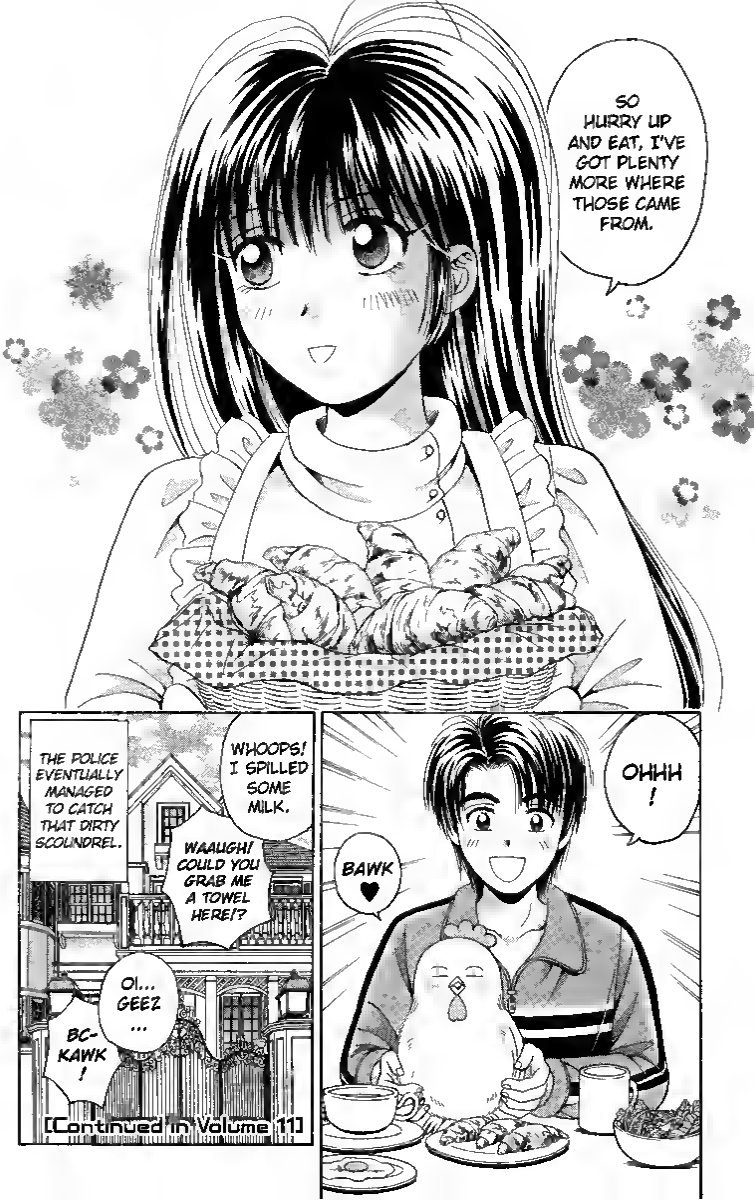
THAT'S IT, BIRD! YOU'RE FRIED CHICKEN FOR SURE NOW!
BC-KAWK!

*SFX: WIFF
.....
I'LL PROTECT YOU!

WHAT A DOPE.
HE SAID THAT LINE WITH SUCH A SERIOUS FACE.

I COULD REALLY RELY ON HIM... I THINK.
BUT ...

THE NEXT MORNING
WOAH! IT LOOKS GREAT!
WHY'D YOU MAKE SUCH A FANCY BREAKFAST...?
BAWK?
BAWK?
AWESOME! WHAT'S THE OCCASION?
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE A BREAKFAST LIKE THIS?
WELL, I GUESS I DID BUT ...
BAWK?


SO HURRY UP AND EAT, I'VE GOT PLENTY MORE WHERE THOSE CAME FROM.
OHHH!
BAWK♥
WHOOPS! I SPILLED SOME MILK.
WAAUGH! COULD YOU GRAB ME A TOWEL HERE!?
OI... GEEZ...
BC-KAWK!
THE POLICE EVENTUALLY MANAGED TO CATCH THAT DIRTY SCOUNDREL.
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